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College Historian Bill Crawley recalls an indomitable icon, Nina Bushnell (see p.2).

Dear Alumni and Friends:

During the past two years, this publication has featured several articles about the new Alumni Executive Center at Trench Hill and the progress of the fund-raising campaign behind it. As you know, we must raise $6 million in private funds in order to build, equip and furnish the new Center. Thanks to support from many of our loyal alumni, friends of the College and local businesses, our current campaign total is now at $4.6 million.

A few months ago, we received word that MWC has been awarded a $400,000 grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation. Established in 1924, the Kresge Foundation has made many generous contributions to institutions of higher learning, as well as to organizations involved in science, health, human services, arts and humanities. The majority of Kresge grants are made to support building projects that will help further the various missions of these institutions.

A stipulation of this grant requires the College to finalize the campaign to fund the new Alumni Executive Center on schedule. We are referring to this as the Kresge Challenge. A challenge is simply an incentive or a push to meet a certain goal in a specified time period. To stay on schedule, we must raise $5.6 million by June 2003; we can then add the $400,000 from the Kresge Foundation to achieve our $6 million goal.

In the meantime, members of the campaign and building committees are busy finalizing architectural, landscaping and decorating plans for the new Center. We will bring you continuous updates as we enter the next phase of this exciting project.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

William M. Anderson, Jr.
President

Left to right: Charlotte Major Minor '66, Elizabeth "Betsy" Smith Hughes '51, Alice Andrews Jepson '64 and President William M. Anderson Jr. discuss future landscaping at Trench Hill.

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Nina Bushnell: Genteel Martinet

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

It would be impossible to calculate, but there is ample evidence to suggest that, in the entire history of Mary Washington College, no person has had so profound and lasting an impact upon so many students as Nina G. Bushnell. Certainly no one has left a larger legacy of vivid memories.

Serving as dean of women from 1921 until her retirement in 1950, Mrs. Bushnell was a formidable (some would say forbidding) figure on campus as she oversaw (again, some would say dictated) the behavior and social development of the students under her charge (command). Despite her imperious insistence upon a rigid code of student conduct — or, more likely, *because* of it — she "endeared herself to the hearts of thousands of students, who admired, respected, and loved her," in the words of her colleague and friend, Dean Edward Alvey Jr.

Born at a time when the Civil War had been over scarcely 15 years, Mrs. Bushnell grew up in a South still redolent of the antebellum era. Though her professional career was mainly in the 20th century, she remained largely a person of the 19th, and it was the social values of that earlier time that she endeavored to impart to hundreds of her Mary Washington "girls," as she called them.

A 1903 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Mrs. Bushnell did graduate work at Teachers College of Columbia University. Her first teaching position was as an English instructor at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S.C.; subsequently she taught both Latin and English at small high schools in North Carolina and Virginia. It was during this period, in 1911, that her husband,

Charles, died of typhoid fever. She never remarried.

Her career before coming to Mary Washington also took her to Mississippi, South Carolina and Missouri — in which places she held a variety of administrative as well as teaching positions. In addition, she spent time in France during World War I working for the YWCA. An athletic person of boundless energy, she in those years especially enjoyed swimming, riding and dancing.

In 1921 she arrived in Fredericksburg to become dean of women at what was then still known by its original name of the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Fredericksburg. She immediately immersed herself in the job, displaying the characteristic enthusiasm and devotion that made her, according to Dean Alvey, "liked — nay, loved — by the hundreds of students who experienced and cherished her influence."

Mrs. Bushnell's duties at the College were extensive and varied. Among her specific responsibilities were room assignments for all students, preparation and distribution of the College handbook, and supervision of all recreation and entertainment activities, notably May Day, an event that especially lent itself to her penchant for elegant celebration. Moreover, during those years when student rooms lacked telephones — there was not even a central switchboard — all long-distance calls to the campus went to the phone in her Virginia Hall apartment. Not without reason did she seem to students to actually *be* the College, so multifarious were her duties.

Mrs. Bushnell's influence, however, went far beyond the mere specifications of her "job description" — if indeed she had one. At a time when the principle of *in loco parentis* was the norm, she carried the concept to a higher power, determined not only to maintain decorum but to inculcate refinement. According to Gail Smith Wood '40, Mrs. Bushnell "felt that she had a sacred covenant with the parents who entrusted their daughters to her for four years. ... If any girl was going to go astray, [she] was determined that it would be through no lack of vigilance on her part!"

Vigilant she was, and nowhere more so than in her screening of prospective "gentlemen callers." First the young man had to be on the "approved list," as attested by a guest card issued from her office. Then, upon arriving on campus, he had to pass muster personally with Mrs. Bushnell. "If she detected any whiff of tobacco or (heaven forbid) alcohol," recalls Wood, "or if she was not thoroughly satisfied with his answers to her questions, she sent him packing."

Mealtime in Seacobeck, shared by all students, provided Mrs. Bushnell with numerous opportunities to impart lessons in etiquette. Lunches often turned didactic, as the Dean typically lectured on such arcane matters as the proper method of eating soup, or peeling a banana, or removing a cherry pit from one's mouth. The latter topic was so recurrent that some students came to believe that the frequency of cherries on the menu was mainly a pretext for Mrs. Bushnell's lesson on manners.

The evening meal provided her with the opportunity to teach not only by precept but by example. Formally dressed herself, she expected all students to be appropriately attired and to be seated promptly by six o'clock, whereupon she would begin dinner with a brief blessing. ("Mrs. Bushnell doesn't exactly *pray to* God," commented one observer, "she *talks with* God.") Students were excused from their tables only after the Dean had nodded her assent.

Woe to the student who breached Mrs. Bushnell's finely honed sense of decorum. Elizabeth Collins Burke '42 recalls an occasion when a student who, having slipped in the mud hastening to Seacobeck from the playing fields, had the temerity to remove her shoes before entering the hall. It was not the kind of thing Mrs. Bushnell would overlook — or let pass without reprimand. "I cannot understand how your fellow students can tolerate such an affront — bare feet and dirty clothes — from a Mary Washington girl," she scolded. And, with the theatricality that she sometimes affected, announced, "As for me, I have lost my appetite" — and summarily left the room with a flourish.

Displays of this kind, understandably, did not endear her to some students. As Gail Wood puts it, "Infractions of behavior, no matter how minor, met with a poker face and a complete lack of sympathy." Even Dean Alvey admits in his history of the College that she did not always "relate to people in the modern sense of the word, nor did she try to make people feel comfortable."

The May Queen Ceremony, 1941

During World War II, campus committees raised money to aid the war effort. Dean Bushnell and Dr. Alvey are pictured, at left, with students, and, below, MWC students are shown in downtown Fredericksburg.

In Mrs. Bushnell's constellation of values, patriotism seems to have ranked only slightly below protocol, perhaps as a result of her wartime experience in France. This devotion to country was particularly evident during World War II. Many students recall that, at a time when television was nonexistent and radios rare on campus, Mrs. Bushnell would deliver wartime news of the day prior to the evening meal, sometimes incorporating a prayer for "our boys" in her blessing. "She kept us aware of the sacrifices our fathers, brothers and friends were making for us," recalls Rosemary Sheehan Enright '46, "encouraging us to be supportive and hopeful."

Mrs. Bushnell left Mary Washington in 1950, having reached the state-mandated retirement age of 70. She worked for several more years as dean of women at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. In 1957 she retired to Florida, where she remained active in the League of Women Voters and as a Red Cross volunteer for a number of years prior to her death in 1970.

By the time of her retirement, Mrs. Bushnell had come to be regarded by some students as an anachronism, the imperious enforcer of Victorian mores whose time had long-since passed. It was not without reason that many of her former charges referred to her tenure as her "reign." And there was no doubt a sense of relief on the part of many when the rigid social rules were immediately relaxed (relatively) by her successor.

Yet even those who chafed at the time under her stern discipline later recalled her tutelage appreciatively. "We were all half-scared of her then," Gail Wood recently recalled, "but now we realize that everything she did, everything she expected of us, every standard she set, all came from love, and from a deep and abiding respect for the institution she faithfully served."

When the College in 1960 named a new residence hall in her honor, Mrs. Bushnell, ever gracious, expressed delight — tinctured with humility. "No matter how I adjust my mental lenses," she wrote Lois Saunier Hornsby '48, "I cannot see that my services on the hill merit the honor accorded, but if you and the other Mary Washington girls who were with me in those treasured years are happy in the recognition, I am content."

If Mrs. Bushnell's approach had begun to seem dated in 1950, it appears positively antediluvian today, half a century later. In an increasingly coarsened society, her ideals would likely strike most contemporary students as quaint to the point of absurdity, devalued if not utterly discredited.

Yet, while few would wish to replicate all the attendant characteristics of that era — its exclusionary racial policies, for one notable example — might there not still be a place for the decorous behavior that Mrs. Bushnell both advocated and embodied? The need for civility being timeless, Gail Wood's succinct comment seems apt: "I wish the students of today had a Mrs. Bushnell in their lives."

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Remembrances

Last year the editor of MWC Today *invited alumni to send in their favorite recollections of Nina Bushnell. The responses from former students (and sometimes from their spouses) proved entertaining as well as illuminating about the life of that legendary lady, as the following excerpts illustrate.*

"Mrs. Bushnell? Could there ever be another like her? I am sure there could not be. … [She] was perhaps the fairest person I have ever known in her dealings with others. If her 'girls,' as she called us, did what was expected, they had nothing to fear from her. … My 'good' behavior may have been out of fear of reprisal from Mrs. Bushnell, but I honestly feel it was because of the love and respect I genuinely felt for this strong and determined lady."

Ruth McDaniel Potts '44

"I never think of Mary Washington without immediately thinking of Mrs. Bushnell. She was the epitome of grace, femininity and charm. I worked as a head waitress in her dining hall for four years. That close contact with her every day was a comfort and strength for me. Occasionally, when I thought the dining hall was straight and everything was in order for all to come in, I would look out of the window and see Mrs. Bushnell on her way over for dinner. She was always so strikingly beautiful. She would often stop on the bridge looking out on the campus, which was so pretty every day and every season. She would have on a long, flowing gown. In one hand she carried a small purse. The other held the tip of her gown so as not to step on it. … Everyone will remember when Mrs. Bushnell got up and showed us the proper way to eat soup. To this very day, I never eat soup without being reminded of Mrs. Bushnell and my days at MWC."

Nettie Evans Lawrey '44

"It was a beautiful spring day in 1945 and my roommate, Virginia Lamberth Edwards, and I had just finished our Sunday dinner in Seacobeck. Suddenly one of us suggested that we try to borrow bicycles from neighbors near the College and ride out to the dam on the Rappahannock River for a picnic. Walking to the dam would have taken too much of the afternoon. We didn't have any luck borrowing bicycles after ringing several doorbells. What awaited us when we returned to our dorm was a call telling us to see Dean Bushnell in her office. Needless to say, we were plenty scared. We received a short lecture on the propriety of our actions, and then Mrs. Bushnell picked up her telephone. She called a taxi and paid the driver to drive us to the dam. What a kind, wise, understanding lady she was!"

Hilda Chrisman Pendleton '45

"A young man I had known since early childhood was coming to see me for the first time at MWC. Not knowing just how to locate me, he stopped at Falmouth, just north of Fredericksburg, and telephoned the dean's office. Mrs. Bushnell herself answered the phone, and his inquiry was: 'How do I get a-hold of a girl at the College?' 'We don't *get a-hold* of the girls at Mary Washington College!' was Mrs. Bushnell's icy reply. Nevertheless, she let him come and he, being extremely shy, made no attempt to 'get a-hold' of me."

Marjorie Clapp Suber '42

"I enjoyed being in the dining hall where she presided. Each evening [she] came dressed in a long dinner gown. Quite often we were treated to after-dinner entertainment. These were the war years with rationing, and some of the food left a bit to be desired. One evening we were served a dish of some kind of hash. Just as we sat down to eat, someone barked. Dean Bushnell stood and over the total hush said, 'I don't know what that was, but I am sure it was not one of my ladies.'"

Ann Neese Wade '48

"My sophomore year my room was in the building where Dean Bushnell had her office. That's when I first developed my love/hate relationship with a strong, feisty, sentimental, automatic, charismatic woman who was determined to mold flighty girls into poised, sensible, and responsible women. … May Day was a very special occasion for Mary Washington [and] Dean Bushnell handled the event almost single-handedly. In my senior year I was chosen May Queen. … [During the ceremony] I had to catch my crown as it slipped and put it back on. Nina Bushnell was furious. She said I should have made sure it fit. And my mother said the same thing later, a number of times!

This reinforced my opinion that they came from the same 'old school.'"

Susan Tillson Metzger '46

"Each night she would offer the blessing before dinner and at other times heartfelt comments. ... She was a great admirer of FDR, and I'm certain many of us remember her emotional speech in the dining hall the day of his death. She had us all in tears along with her."

Rosemary Sheehan Enright '46

"In Mrs. Bushnell's section of the dining hall we ate by candlelight and spoke quietly at the table. [She] always wore a long skirt, and we did, too. There was a special basement dining room for horseback riders. None were allowed in her dining room. ... [Also] I am 72 years old, and I still do not take shortcuts across the grass."

Anne McCaskill Libis '49

"Mrs. Bushnell was the flavor and essence of Mary Washington College when I attended school there in the early '40s. My most poignant memories of her are connected with the dining hall. It was there that her determination and dedication to create not only scholars but also ladies was most evident. ... I can still see her in my mind's eye as she floated in one of her many evening dresses from Virginia Hall across campus to Seacobeck. ... There was the day when she taught us how to eat bananas. She instructed us how to peel the skin down one-fourth the length of the banana, then break the peeled portion off and eat that. We were to continue in this manner until the entire banana was eaten. This procedure was to separate us from the apes."

Elizabeth Collins Burke '42

"On my first introduction to her, I knew I was in the presence of a woman who commanded my utmost respect. She looked straight into my eyes, and I had the feeling that she had the power to detect any falsehood I might ever anticipate telling ... I found her to be the most powerful, elegant, gracious woman I had ever known."

Kathleen Burnette '44

"One weekend my future husband's car gave out of gas, making me arrive on campus after the light bell time. I lived in Virginia Hall where Mrs. Bushnell's apartment was located by the door that we came in. It was locked. Guess who had to let us in. I never really thought she believed the "out-of-gas" story. She had heard that excuse too many times. But some years later, at Homecoming, we told her it really was true — and she said she *had* believed us. What a relief!"

Kathryn Nicholas Winslow '39

"Mrs. Bushnell was known to screen the gentlemen who arrived on campus to date one of the young women. First the gentleman had to produce a written permission slip from a parent of a young lady. Then all were asked to form a line, facing Mrs. Bushnell, with the U.Va. men together. Then Mrs. Bushnell would inspect each gentleman for dress and especially odor of alcohol on their breath. If that odor was found, the gentleman was denied access to his date and the campus. ... Incidentally, I passed the inspection."

William B. Guerrant, husband of Anne Bradley Guerrant '47

"My initial introduction to this fabulous lady was in January 1945 by invitation of Isabel Larrick [while] I was stationed aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter 90002, located at the USNA in Annapolis. I was more than slightly terrified, having been previously prepared that an introduction to this lioness could go in wither of but two ways, good or bad. My uniform was spick and span, and I was ... even ready to bow if necessary. The short meeting went well. The fact that we both had red hair probably helped. ... [After the war] I was discharged and applied for summer school at U.Va., but no openings were available until the fall semester. Upon learning of my dilemma, Mrs. Bushnell indicated that she might have a solution to the problem. When I returned the next weekend, she offered her hand and exhorted, 'You are in.' She explained that she had conferred with both Dr. Combs and Dean Alvey and they had agreed to let me enter the summer session. ... And so I became the College's first co-ed, a status of which I am still proud, thanks to Dean Bushnell."

Dr. William A. Brown, husband of Isabel Larrick Brown '47

"As with most of us who were privileged to be at Mary Washington College during Nina Bushnell's 'reign' as dean of women, I have many memories of her — most pleasant, some humorous, some downright terrifying. The most memorable, however, is a meeting with her well after I had graduated. [She was then living in Bethlehem, Pa., which was nearby.] I called to see if I might call upon her, and was given a time. Needless to say I was still in awe of this lady, so I approached the 'sanctum sanctorum' with pleasure mixed with anxiety. What should I do when I saw her? How should I act? Should I shake hands? Should I curtsy? Should I genuflect? I was seated in an outer parlor not unlike the arrangement she had in Virginia Hall at MWC. I was punctual and, of course, so was she. Her door opened, and she swept into the room. Without a moment's hesitation she allayed all my fears. She opened her arms, and with the tenderest, most personal gesture I had ever expected from her, embraced me! Then we sat down for tea and a visit on an 'equal' basis. Well, almost! That was the last time I ever saw her, but such a happy memory."

Mary Norvell Millner Hodges/ Moore '48

the making of a MUSICAL ENTREPRENEUR

BY MARTHA V. FICKETT '63

What a finale for retiring Professor of Music James E. Baker! On Wednesday, March 20, the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra performed a program at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Actually, anyone who knows Jim Baker should not be surprised at this. When Jim arrived here in 1965, he inherited a wind ensemble of about 12 young women. Through his efforts, the ensemble grew at one time to a membership of about 40, but numerous difficulties impeded the ensemble's growth. A sabbatical leave in 1970-71 to work on a doctorate brought about a couple of salutary developments: while Jim studied conducting with Lloyd Geissler at Catholic University, his sabbatical replacement here was effectively "killing" the wind ensemble. "By Christmas 1970, knowing what was happening here, and what I would come back to (which was nothing), I looked into who was in town and what they played. I got a bunch of people together to see what would happen." He cobbled together an ensemble that included Roy Smith (cellist and MWC psychology professor), Dr. Webb (violinist and dentist from Bowling Green), Wyatt Thompson (French hornist and Fredericksburg public-health dentist), among others. With $100 of "seed money" from then-Chancellor Grellet Simpson, Jim founded the orchestra in 1971.

From these humble beginnings, Jim built an organization of 89 members that garners contributions of around $45,000 annually in memberships and other gifts.

One of Jim's talents is understanding his constituencies: the performers, the audience, and the Friends of the Orchestra. From the outset, Jim realized that for the orchestra to be successful he needed the enthusiastic participation of the community — not only as members of the audience but as performers and as "Friends." Jim's political and social skills have been as instrumental in his success as his musical talents.

He has also been blessed with the ideal wife to assist him on this musical odyssey. Joan's community work with the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club, the American Red Cross and numerous other organizations has brought the couple in contact with countless area people who have been willing and able to help, both musically and financially.

With state funds always in short supply, Jim has had to tap outside sources for instruments. He met retired chemistry professor Herb Cover at a cocktail party and discovered his enthusiasm for Lionel Hampton; after conviviality and much conversation, Herb agreed to buy the orchestra a set of "vibes." On another occasion, composer René Varlay provided the gong for a performance of one of his works (as an alternative to the trash-can lid Jim had suggested!) And the late Phil Palmer of Richmond enhanced the orchestra's scanty budget for instruments to the tune of about $15,000.

Finances were not the only problem Jim faced in the early years of the orchestra. Choosing appropriate repertoire was a challenge; it had to please the community, be consistent with the talents of the orchestra members, but also be of high quality. "You can stretch the musicians' abilities slightly — but it must be a 'reachable carrot.' I've also stretched the ears of the listeners from time to time, but you can't make a habit of it or you'll lose your audience."

Choosing repertoire became an easier task as scholarship monies facilitated the recruitment of more talented students. Both the merit-based Walford performance scholarships for music majors and orchestra scholarships provided through the generosity of the "Friends" have had an inestimable impact upon the quality of the musicianship of the orchestra. But these "sweeteners" alone have not brought in the students; Jim has also logged untold hours on the telephone during that crucial decision-making time after students are offered admission.

As the talent level of the student members of the orchestra increased, so did the experience of the conductor. For the past 10 years, Jim has conducted orchestras in about a dozen eastern European cities. These conducting workshops and guest conductorships have had a most felicitous effect upon both Jim and the orchestra. The reciprocal visits to Fredericksburg by conductors and soloists from Czech, Polish, and Bulgarian cities have also provided the orchestra with a steady stream of professional musicians who offered numerous challenges to the ensemble.

All who know Jim know that his talents extend beyond music. He has great skill with tools and is not averse to using that talent to provide what is needed at "the shop." When the director of the department's media center observed that it would be nice to have shelves rather than file cabinets for storage of its LP recordings, Jim bought lumber and built the shelves himself, thereby saving the high cost of labor. Jim's interest in and understanding of construction reached its fullest manifestation with his spearheading of the renovation of Pollard Hall (as part of the larger duPont, Melchers, Pollard complex). As chair of the music department from 1978-1999, Jim recognized more than anyone the limitations of its beautiful home. The saga of Jim's labors on this project could fill these pages. He had a vision of how the space of the "old" Pollard Hall could be redesigned to provide faculty and students with adequate rehearsal areas, a recital hall with marvelous acoustics, a comfortable and user-friendly media center, climate control (for instruments as well as humans), and at least a modicum of security. There were those who gave up on the project early on, but Jim's refusal to abandon his dream ultimately paid off when, in 1994, the department moved back into its current home.

How will Jim spend his retirement? There is a long list of activities — including a lot of the proverbial "honey do" projects. He will, of course, continue to accept invitations to conduct abroad, and he has agreed to assist his replacement, Dr. Kevin Bartram, in any way possible. Joan's retirement from teaching will allow them to travel more freely, including attending birthday celebrations of grandchildren. And Jim's well-known skill with tools will find an outlet in the construction of a telescope.

But the orchestra will miss him, just as he will no doubt miss it. It has become so much more than merely a three-credit per semester teaching obligation for Jim. At one time, his entire family was in the orchestra: Erin and Jonathan played violin, Brian played the French horn, and Joan sang. Jim and Joan's large coterie of loyal and wonderful friends are among those who have given generously of time, energy, talent and money. At a recent concert, one could sense the audience's appreciation for and pride in the orchestra. Longtime friend and colleague Anne Hamer remarked, "[Jim] has invested so much time and dedication to build the orchestra. Without him, we would have no orchestra." And according to local judge and trumpet player Jim Fox, "He is the most gentle conductor I have ever played under."

Profound gratitude for Jim and his work comes from many quarters, possibly most dramatically articulated by Wyatt Thompson. "He saved my life! I was a very unhappy dentist in Winchester. I couldn't figure out what was wrong. I didn't realize that being away from music had such a profoundly negative effect upon my mood. I moved to Fredericksburg just as the orchestra was getting under way. Now I come here [for rehearsals and concerts] and I go away refreshed and renewed."

Any observer would agree that Jim has had some luck and also the benefit of association with an institution eager to foster programs of this sort which blend "town and gown." But a good part of the secret of Jim's success lies in his personality — his optimism, his flexibility, his uncanny sense of what will work and what won't, his willingness to work tirelessly for what he wants and to admit that something he tried did not work, and, most important, his sense of humor!

Anticipating Jim's retirement, President William Anderson well summarizes the sentiment of the College and the community when he says, "Jim's music has made this a more joyful place for a long time, and through his enduring legacy of the orchestra, his contributions will continue for years to come."

Martha V. Fickett '63 is a professor of music at MWC.

Edwin Johnonnet, concert master of the orchestra, and Jim Baker just before their New York performance.

The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra, which just concluded its 31st season, made its Carnegie Hall debut Wednesday, March 20, 2002, in New York City. The performance, which featured mostly works by Polish composers, took place in the Isaac Stern Auditorium.

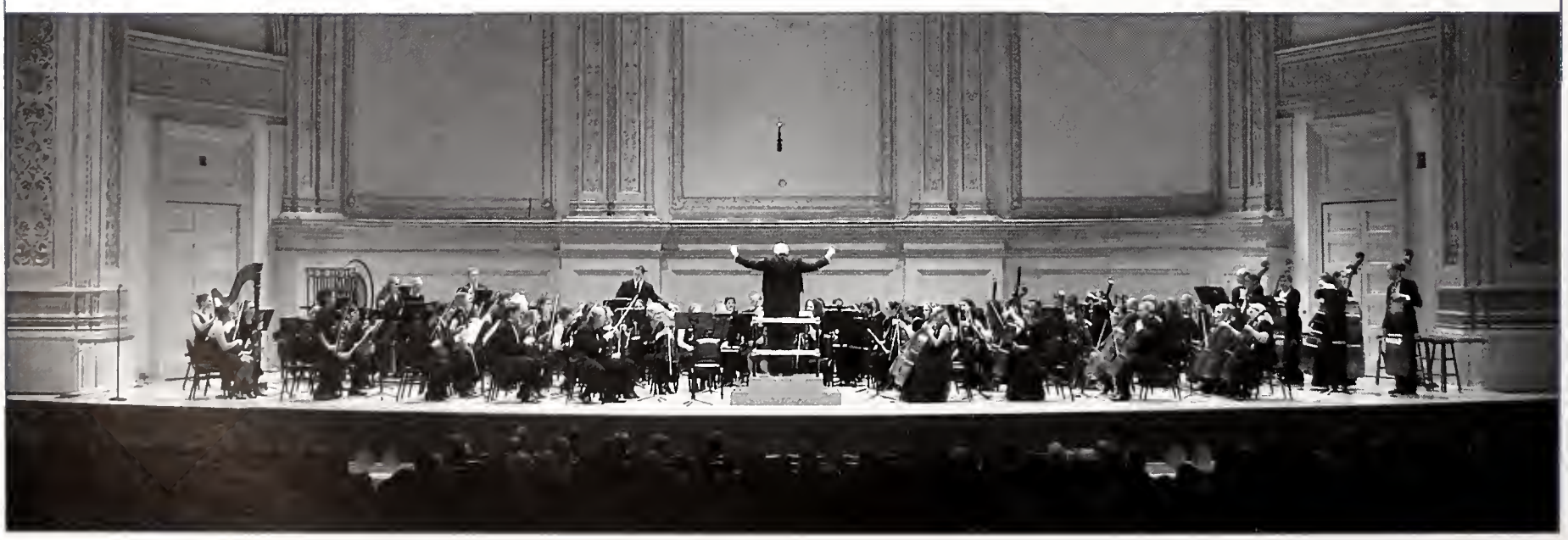
James E. Baker, distinguished professor of music and the orchestra's founder and conductor, opened the concert with the *Othello Overture* by A. Dvorak. Slawomir Chrzanowski, chief conductor of the Filharmonie at Zabrze, Poland, conducted Gorecki's *Symphony Number Three*, with soprano Tiffany CasaSante as soloist. Chrzanowski and Baker have collaborated in Poland and at the College on several occasions.

Orchestra Performs at Carnegie Hall

After an intermission, Polish pianist Piotr Paleczny performed a piano recital. The concert ended with Janusz Sporek, a Polish immigrant and director of a private music school in New York City, conducting Wojciech Kilar's *Angelus* for chorus and orchestra. The Paderewski Festival Singers performed the part of the chorus. Sporek, promoter of the Carnegie Hall concert, was introduced to the College-Community Symphony Orchestra a year ago by Chrzanowski, when Chrzanowski conducted a concert at MWC. Soon afterwards, Sporek invited both Chrzanowski and the orchestra to perform in New York.

"For the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra to perform at Carnegie Hall, at the invitation of a promoter who has first-hand knowledge of the orchestra's abilities, is recognition of our musical accomplishments," Baker said. "I can't speak exactly to the orchestra's thoughts," he continued, "but one can only assume a certain pride in being asked and happiness at the opportunity to perform in one of America's premier concert halls. There is a sense of wonder and awe of the whole thing."

Upon the orchestra's return from New York City, Dr. Baker said with pride, "We went, we played, we conquered! The orchestra looked and sounded professional. The music was difficult and a lot of effort by all — student and community musicians — went into making the concert a total success. We could play on any stage anywhere."

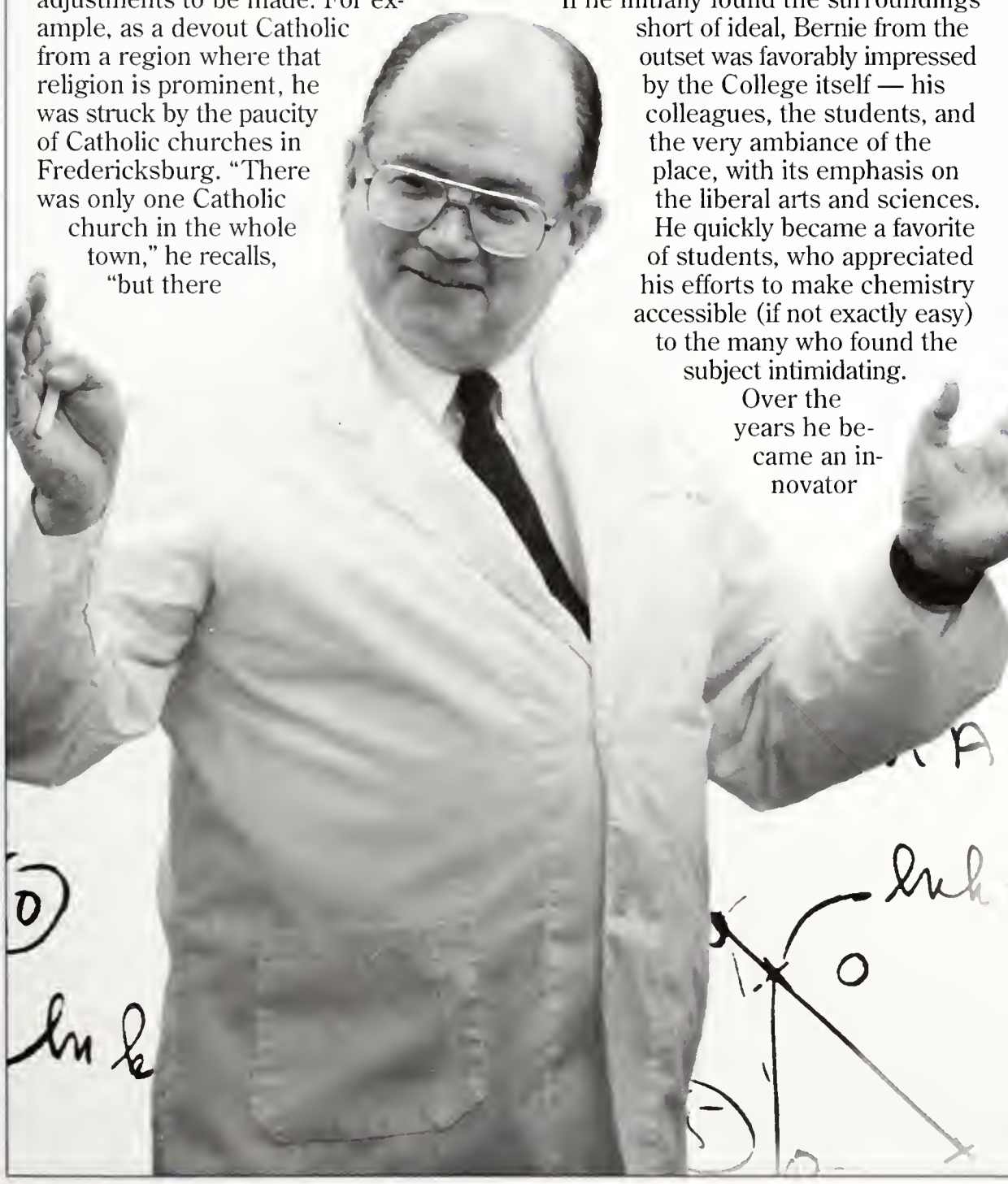


BERNARD L. MAHONEY JR.

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

As a lifelong New Englander, born in Cambridge, Mass., and educated at Boston College (B.S. and M.S.) and the University of New Hampshire (Ph.D.), Bernie Mahoney had some reservations about moving south in 1964 to join the chemistry faculty at Mary Washington. Yet he did so, largely because then-Chancellor Grellet Simpson emphasized that MWC would be the ideal place for him to do what he loved most: teach chemistry to undergraduate students, and to do so in a small school that prized excellence.

Though he liked the College right away, Bernie did in fact discover that there were some social and cultural adjustments to be made. For example, as a devout Catholic from a region where that religion is prominent, he was struck by the paucity of Catholic churches in Fredericksburg. "There was only one Catholic church in the whole town," he recalls, "but there seemed to be a Baptist or Methodist church on every corner." (Actually, he says "cahnah" — evidence that his stay in Virginia has scarcely dented his "Bahstin" accent.)



And then there was the absence of big-league baseball. Weaned on the exploits of Ted Williams and other Hub heroes, Bernie missed seeing his "Red Sawx" at Fenway.

The situation was not improved by the fact that Fredericksburg was at the time a "dry" locale — a circumstance that required learning a concept quite foreign to him: "brown-bagging." Only the proximity of D.C. and its cultural and entertainment opportunities helped to ameliorate the rather austere (by comparison) character of his new environment.

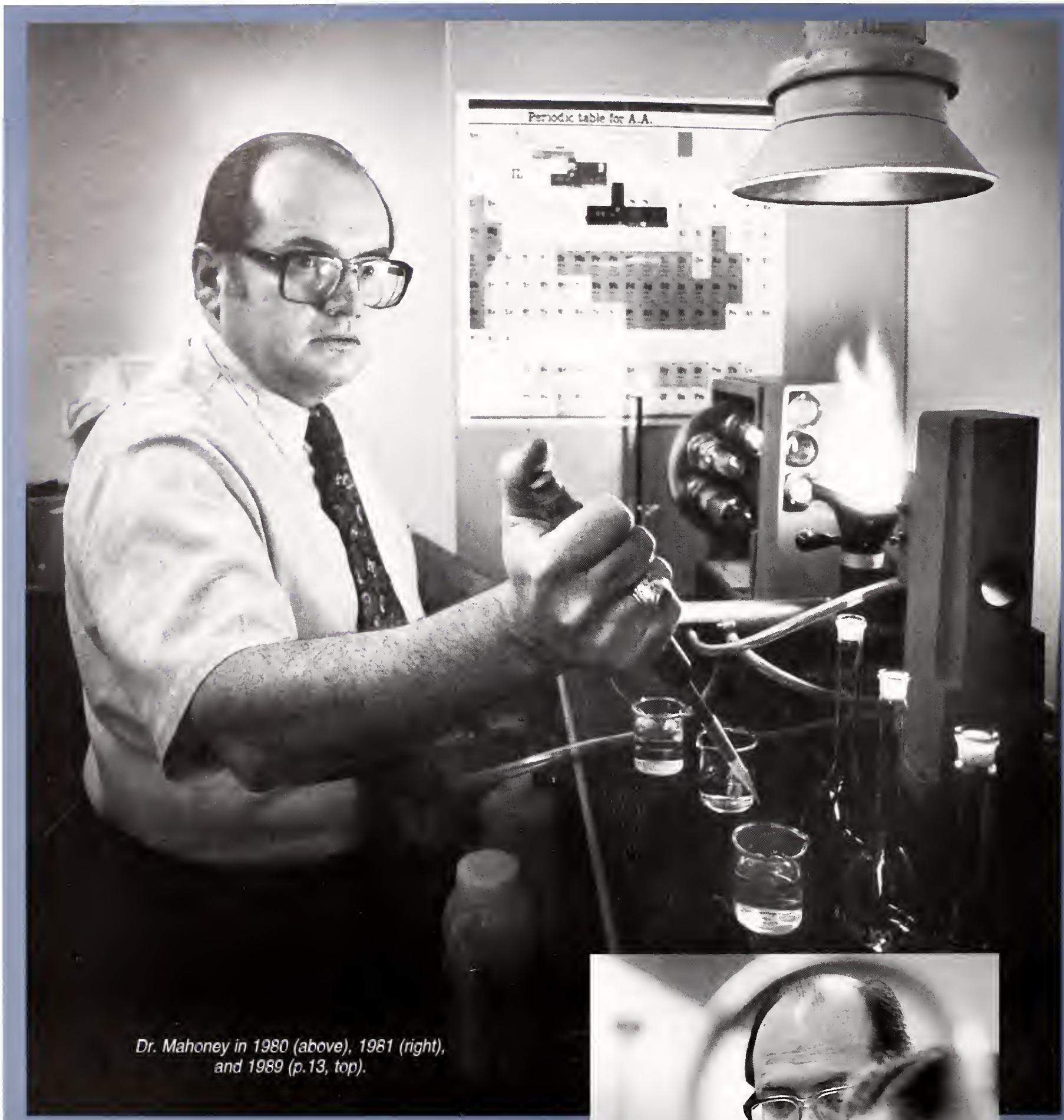
If he initially found the surroundings short of ideal, Bernie from the outset was favorably impressed by the College itself — his colleagues, the students, and the very ambiance of the place, with its emphasis on the liberal arts and sciences. He quickly became a favorite of students, who appreciated his efforts to make chemistry accessible (if not exactly easy) to the many who found the subject intimidating.

Over the years he became an innovator in the teaching of chemistry and was in the vanguard of MWC faculty in introducing audio-visual and computer technology into classrooms and labs. His pedagogical success was recognized college-wide in 1984 when he received the Grellet C. Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

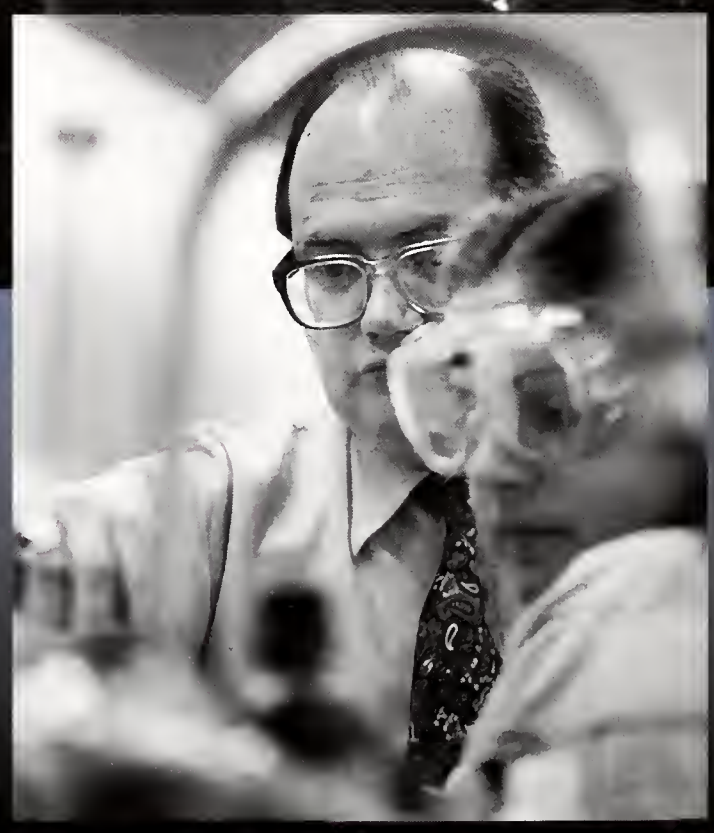
Simultaneously with his achievements in the classroom came his rapid emergence as an acknowledged leader within the faculty. Very early in his tenure he was appointed to the Future of the College Committee, the group that was instrumental in charting the path to coeducation. He also served during the 1960s and '70s as chair of three important *ad hoc* committees, each of which wrought tangible and lasting changes at the College: the Committee on Teacher Certification in 1966-67; the Committee for Development of the Internship Program in 1975; and the Committee for the Development of the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree in 1976. He also served for a dozen years as department chair.

It is worth noting that Bernie's involvement was usually in a leadership capacity, the product of the widespread respect in which he was held by colleagues. "He was an absolutely tireless worker," says one longtime associate, Roy Weinstock, vice president for planning, assessment, and institutional research. "Everyone listened to him because they knew he was sensible, reflective, incisive, and always had the best interest of the College at heart. Plus," he adds, "his constant good humor always made him easy to get along with. He just has a wonderful disposition."

Both the extent and character of his service have provided Bernie with an exceptional vantage from which to assess the institution's evolution over the past four decades. He speaks admiringly of the unique contributions of each of the three presidents under whom he has worked: Grellet Simpson, for his efforts to strengthen academics through recruitment of outstanding faculty; Prince Woodard, for improving relationships with the General Assembly, thereby leading to higher faculty salaries; and William Anderson, for increasing the endowment and for expanding the physical structure of the College, particularly the Jepson Science Center.



Dr. Mahoney in 1980 (above), 1981 (right), and 1989 (p.13, top).



…when asked what he will miss most in retirement, without a moment's hesitation he replies, "The students," noting that his greatest satisfaction has been "working with young people and seeing them mature into impressive adults and, in many cases, outstanding scholars."

Also, in an observation that reveals as much about himself as about his subject, Bernie further lauds President Anderson for his commitment to the welfare of classified employees as well as faculty. "Sometimes people forget how important the support personnel are," he says, "but not Bill."

Almost all of the major changes he has observed he regards, on the whole, as salutary: coeducation (though he retains an appreciation for certain advantages of single-sex education); independence from the University of Virginia; innovative programs, such as internships; new degrees, such as the BLS; and creative efforts to reach non-traditional student constituencies, such as the offerings provided by the James Monroe Center.

One change about which he is less sanguine involves the increasing demand for faculty research and publication. Though he himself has amassed an enviable record of scholarly attainment despite the limitations inherent in a small-college setting, he feels strongly that MWC must continue to place primacy upon its traditional goal of high-quality undergraduate teaching.

Such commitment to teaching is evident when asked what he will miss most in retirement. Without a moment's hesitation, he replies, "The students," noting that his greatest satisfaction has been "working with young people and seeing them mature into impressive adults and, in many cases, outstanding scholars."

His role in that process is reflected in the career accomplishments of his many students and in their enduring appreciation for his influence on them. "Quite literally, he changed my life," says Stephanie Danahy Larson '68, one of Bernie's earliest students. Now a science teacher in the Fredericksburg school system, she explains that his impact went far beyond the classroom. "He was so passionate about his subject that I was embarrassed not to learn, even though chemistry was hard for me. The fact that he encouraged me to work hard — and to succeed — not only helped me learn chemistry, but to have the confidence that in other things, too, I could accomplish whatever I wanted, through hard work."

The testimony of a more recent graduate, Lindsey Furman Schenck '00, makes it clear that he still has a knack for inspiring students. Lindsey, now a medical assistant in oncology and hematology at a Fairfax lab, regards Bernie as the finest professor she had while at MWC. "He made labs fun, and he had such a friendly manner that you always felt comfortable in asking him to explain anything you didn't understand." She also noted that his concern for students did not end at the classroom door, but extended to taking a real interest in their career development — a quality that has characterized his tenure. "He encouraged us to become involved in the American Chemical Society and would help us with writing resumes. He'd even e-mail us about job opportunities he thought might interest us."

Given his continued enthusiasm and his undiminished skills even after 38 years, why has Bernie chosen this particular time to retire? His answer is succinct — and perhaps a bit surprising. "It was 9/11," he says. Noting that two of his three children were scheduled to fly that day — one of them out of Dulles — he says the horror of the day's events made him reflect on the fragile, uncertain nature of life, and prompted him to want to spend more time with his close-knit family, including Kathy, his wife of 36 years, and their children: Brian, an engineer in Vienna, Va.; Karen Mahoney O'Donnell, a pharmaceutical representative in Richmond, Va.; and Brendan, a customer sales representative in Wilmington, Del.

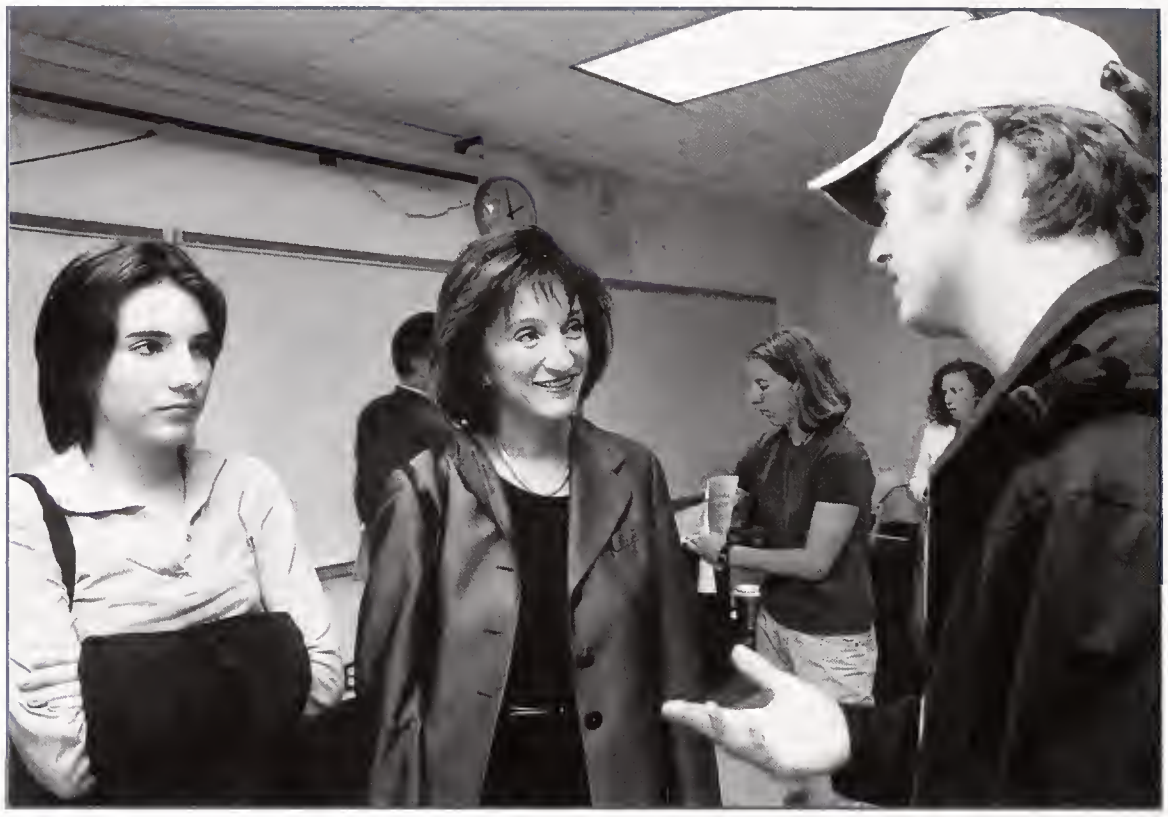
Anticipating retirement, Bernie is particularly excited about the arrival of the first Mahoney grandchild as Karen gave birth this spring. He also looks forward to traveling (to, among other places — no surprise here — Ireland) and pursuing various interests in history that have long been neglected in favor of test tubes, chemical instrumentation and computers.

Mary Washington will be a poorer place with his departure. It won't be as much fun, either, sans the levity often provided by this affable extrovert whose bonhomie — sometimes garnished appealingly with a wee bit o' blarney — has enlivened many a College gathering over the years.

Through a unique combination of intellectual rigor, personal integrity, convivial demeanor, and generous spirit, Bernie has earned the pandemic respect of the College community that he has served so well. Roy Gratz, his chemistry colleague for almost 30 years, puts it briefly — and perhaps best — when he calls Bernie "the ultimate professional." A mighty nice one, too.

William B. Crawley Jr. is Rector and Visitors Distinguished Professor of History and Historian of the College.

Dr. Mahoney and wife Kathy, 2002



MARION BLAKEY '70

Distinguished Graduate in Residence

BY CYNTHIA L. SNYDER '75

Marion Blakey '70 was named chair of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) by President Bush last fall, and since then has become a familiar face on television news programs addressing a variety of transportation safety issues. In the course of one day last March at Mary Washington College, Ms. Blakey met with three classes, fielded questions about advances in airline safety, discussed SUV safety issues, driver behavior, and interstate truck traffic. She also shared insights from her career in both the public and private sectors. Accompanied by her 14-year-old daughter, Mona Dooley (see photo at right), she also took a tour of campus, walked through Virginia Hall, where she lived as a freshman, and revisited her old dorm room in Russell Hall. She said that her return to the MWC campus was a highlight of her spring.

As this year's Distinguished Graduate in Residence, Ms. Blakey addressed two upper-level economics classes as well as an advanced class in environmental issues. She also participated in an hour-long open forum that gave students an opportunity to ask career-related questions and inquire about internships. She sincerely encouraged them to approach her individually to find out more about internships at the NTSB. During this open session, Ms. Blakey repeatedly credited her Mary Washington College education with preparing her well for a career that has focused on communications and public affairs. She also emphasized to students the importance of strong writing skills and lauded the College's Writing Intensive requirements.

Nominated to her current position by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate in late September, Ms. Blakey is the first woman to head the NTSB. She was previously the principal of a public affairs consulting firm that focused on transportation issues and traffic safety. A pre-foreign service major at Mary Washington, Ms. Blakey began her career at the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her Washington experience also includes positions in the White House as well as in the departments of Commerce, Education, and Transportation.

The National Transportation Safety Board is an independent federal agency responsible for investigating all civil aviation accidents in the United States as well as significant railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline accidents. According to Ms. Blakey, 80 percent of the NTSB's recommendations are adopted. Citing an example, she recounted that there were eight wind-shear accidents on commercial aircraft between 1973-1985. NTSB investigations drew two conclusions: first, there were problems with pilot training, and second, pilots did not have enough information available to them in the cockpit. Doppler radar was the resulting remedy for the second finding. Since the use of Doppler was instituted 12 years ago, there has been only one wind-shear related airline accident, she said.

Ms. Blakey is serving a two-year term as chair that will conclude in 2003; her term on the board ends in 2005. Shortly after taking office, Ms. Blakey appeared on national newscasts as the NTSB investigated the crash of American Airlines flight 587 in Queens, N.Y. Since then, she has continued to be featured in the media as an expert on transportation safety issues.

The Alumni Association established the Distinguished Graduate in Residence program to recognize the achievements of outstanding alumni and to provide an opportunity for current students and faculty to interact with these accomplished graduates and witness the strength of a Mary Washington College education.

Cynthia L. Snyder '75 is MWC's director of alumni relations.

SOUTHPAW RETURNS TO THE DIAMOND

BY CLINT OFTEN

Former Mary Washington College baseball player Jason Pierson has signed a minor league contract with the New York Yankees for the 2002 season. Pierson, who played at MWC in 1990 and 1991, reported to the Yankees' minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., on March 1.

One of the top left-handed pitchers in our school's history, Pierson returned to affiliated baseball after a four-year layoff. He played in the Independent Atlantic League last season for the Newark Bears after a three-year break from professional baseball. Last summer, on a team that included 12 former major-leaguers, Pierson finished second in the Atlantic League with a 2.85 ERA while fashioning a 6-3 record. Some of Pierson's teammates last year for owner/president Rick Cerone's Bears included Jose and Ozzie Canseco, Jim Leyritz, Lance Johnson, Pete Incaviglia and Jack Armstrong.

Prior to last season, Pierson's most recent pro experience was in 1997, when he played for Double-A Binghamton, the Mets' affiliate in the Eastern League. For three years, he and his wife ran a group home in Florida for troubled children. Last spring, he decided to attend an Atlantic League tryout, and pitched with success throughout the tryout and the entire season.

Pierson has already had an intriguing career. The first player ever drafted from Mary Washington College, Pierson was the 25th-round selection of the Chicago White Sox in 1992. He earned Midwest League All-Star status with South Bend in 1993, where he finished 13-9 with a 4.70 ERA. He played with Prince William in 1994, taking Carolina League All-Star honors. He was promoted to Double-A Birmingham, where he played with Michael Jordan, who was taking the first of his exiles from the NBA to play minor-league baseball. When the baseball strike of 1994 cancelled the World Series and threatened the beginning of the 1995 season, Pierson was set to be the White Sox's opening-day starter for 1995. The strike ended the day before he was to pitch Opening Day in Comiskey Park, so he was returned to Birmingham. In 1997, after experiencing some arm problems, he played with Binghamton in the Eastern League, and then left the game, only to return three years later with a rested, healthy left arm.

Clint Often is MWC's sports information director.

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

David Voelkel '91

MWC grad helps keep Monroe's legacy alive

As assistant director and curator of the James Monroe Museum, located at 908 Charles St. in Fredericksburg, Va., David Voelkel is helping to preserve the legacy of the fifth U.S. president.

David began working at the museum as a volunteer during his sophomore year at Mary Washington College. After receiving his bachelor's degree in historic preservation in 1991, he went on to graduate school at the University of Leicester, in England, where he received a master's degree in the field.

As part of the local museum's staff for the past three years, David has brought an enormous amount of training, intelligence and ideas to the position of curator, said John Pearce, director of the museum. John, who teaches a class called The History Museum, pointed out that David has a tremendous amount of contact with MWC students, who often find the museum a good source for research. Museum staff members have also worked with the art history department for two years, helping seniors with their research projects, guiding interns, and assisting Albert J. Bowley Scholars, who work at the museum as one of their scholarship requirements.

David's work with the collection includes procurement of new items, research on objects the museum already owns, and preservation of the collection, which includes many items that actually belonged to the Monroes. Among the hundreds of objects are cut-glass lamp globes, a pair of Monroe's eyeglasses, a large collection of books, documents and many pieces of neoclassical furniture. Some of these items are presented in a series of three vignettes — displays meant to show the objects in context. The trio of vignettes, titled "Spring in Paris, A Drawing Room," "Fall at Oak Hill," and "Winter at the President's House, 1824," were installed during the time of David's immediate predecessor, Lee Langston-Harrison, currently the director of curatorial operations at Montpelier, President James Madison's home. The displays, currently undergoing a revitalization, give museum visitors a glance back in time, and the work that has gone into the collection is apparent in the care given to even the tiniest detail. Visitors learn a wealth of information about the Monroes, including the president's favorite hue, crimson, the color of the museum's pamphlets, and one that's used throughout the building.

Another strong point of the museum is that it makes the Monroes seem *so real*. David pointed out several items that once belonged to Mrs. Elizabeth Kortright Monroe, wife of the fifth U.S. president, whose wardrobe and lifestyle were greatly influenced by the French. Like Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Mrs. James Monroe was a fashion-trendsetter, with news about her wardrobe choices appearing in the newspaper accounts of the day. Within the museum's collection are several exquisite dresses belonging to the woman whom Napoleon Bonaparte once referred to as "la belle Americaine," (the beautiful American), the fabulous formals so tiny that today they would fit a girl of about age 12. And a museum mannequin as small as Mrs. Monroe certainly looks child-like compared to today's average-size American woman, who, according to the HealthCalc Network, stands 5-foot-4 and weighs 144 pounds. Mrs. Monroe, David said, was probably around 4-foot-11, and weighed about 90 pounds.

David's work as curator brings him in daily contact with items from the collection, which most people only get to see encased in glass or behind crimson-colored velvet ropes. Two of his responsibilities are keeping up with the condition of objects, which can often be quite fragile, and researching museum-owned items. His work sometimes brings interesting discoveries to light: an ornate chair, once thought to be French in origin, based on its make and the Monroes' love of French styles, has since been found to be American-made.

There is a wealth of knowledge about the collection and the life of the Monroes available at the museum, along with a knowledgeable staff ready to share the historic information with visitors. If you're interested in finding out more about the James Monroe Museum, you can call (540) 654-1043, or you can visit the Web site at http://departments.mwc.edu/jmmu/www/.

Antoinette R. Parker is assistant director of publications at MWC.

EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE

BY TERESA JOERGER '01

G. Gilmer Minor III, chairman and chief executive officer of Owens & Minor, Inc., a $3.5 billion Fortune 500 medical supply distributor headquartered in Richmond, served as Executive-in-Residence at Mary Washington College on April 2.

Established in 1989, the purpose of the Executive-in-Residence program is to provide students from all academic disciplines of the College with the opportunity to interact with well-known and established leaders in the corporate world. Students such as Hilary Callahan '03 appreciated his visit, saying, "I felt that Mr. Minor's speech was ... informative and helpful to those of us currently seeking jobs. Also, it was a prime example of how all the courses we take as business majors correlate in the real world." Justin A. Neale '03 said, "I found Mr. Minor to be a very sincere and caring person. He stressed the importance of valuing his employees as team members and the importance of honesty when dealing with consumers. Mr. Minor was very down to earth, which was not what I expected from the CEO of a Fortune 500 company."

Minor has been a member of the Owens & Minor staff all of his working life. He has served in different sales, operations and management positions of increasing responsibility before he became president in 1981 and chief executive officer in 1984. In 1994, Minor was elected chairman of the board, and in 1999, he assumed his current position as chairman and chief executive officer.

A 1963 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, Minor went on to earn an MBA from The Colgate Darden School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia in 1966. He is a member of the Board of Visitors at VMI, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Health Care Foundation and the National Committee for Quality Health Care.

Mr. Minor told students, "The best part of me is my wife, who's a Mary Washington graduate." (He is married to Charlotte Major Minor '66.) Calling MWC one of the most "dynamic, creative and growing institutions in America," he extolled his wife's interest in her alma mater. "I'm inspired by her interest in what Mary Washington has done and in what you're doing."

Teresa Joerger '01 is assistant director of news and information services at MWC.

Quotes from this spring's Executive-in-Residence

"You'll find that you'll want to make a contribution more than making money. You don't know that now."

"If you help people, they'll help you in turn."

"Think about your values. What do you stand for? What would you sacrifice for? In the final analysis, those values are you."

"Your conscience is your only judge."

Minor said that as a company, they have reinvented themselves over the years. "The status quo isn't going to survive."

"The Enron situation is a tragedy to all of us. It's a tragedy to me, and it's a tragedy to you. It affects all people in business because it makes people think that businessmen are liars."

"I believe if you help your customers be successful, then you'll be successful."

"In business, you have to keep finding ways to make yourself more valuable and to differentiate yourself."

"You have to earn your business every single day."

"While you are spending time downing your competitors, you are missing the opportunity to say good things about your company."

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

BY CAROLYN F. HUCKABAY '04

Mary Washington students, alumni and friends admire the College's faculty mainly for their excellence in the classroom and for their commitment to their students' learning. And rightly so! The emphasis at the College has always been on teaching and learning. But to be a fine teacher, one has to practice what one preaches; and as readers will see on the following pages, our faculty don't just talk the talk, they walk the walk. The recent scholarly and professional activities and accomplishments of Mary Washington faculty are chronicled here, and by any measure they are impressive. Our faculty have every reason to take great pride in this aspect of their work, and the College is certainly proud of them.

Philip L. Hall, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of philosophy and religion, presented a paper titled "The Status of Suhrawardian Studies in the West" at the International Suhrawardi Conference in Zanjan, Iran, in July. Dr. Aminrazavi also presented a paper at the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies in spring 2001, titled "Mulla Sadra's Divine Occasionalism and Hume's Critique of Causality."

James E. Baker, distinguished professor of music and conductor of the College-Community Symphony Orchestra, conducted four concerts abroad during May and June 2001. The first concert was at Hradec Kralove in the Czech Republic; the next two were at Pazardjik and Vratze, both in Bulgaria; the final performance was an all-American music concert presented at the Janacek Festival near Ostrava, Czech Republic.

Jack Bales, reference and bibliographic instruction librarian, had his article, "Launching Dreams Along with Rockets: Homer Hickam," published in the September issue of *Firsts: The Book Collector's Magazine*. Inspired by the glowing movement of the Russian satellite Sputnik across the sky above his tiny West Virginia coal-mining town, Hickam and his boyhood friends enlisted the help of teachers and local machinists from the mine to help them build complex rockets. Bales' article shows how Hickam's childhood became the subject of the book, *The Rocket Boys*, and eventually the basis for the motion picture, "October Sky." The article highlights details from the life of a fascinating author, who made his start as a boy launching homemade rockets from atop a 'slack dump,' and went on to a career with NASA.

Porter R. Blakemore, associate professor of history and American studies, organized and presided over a panel at the Southern Historical Association annual meeting in New Orleans, La., in November. The panel discussed the different types of "methods" courses that departments offer at large and small colleges and universities. Participants on the panel included **Claudine L. Ferrell**, associate professor of history and American studies at Mary Washington, and faculty from Davidson College, Mercer University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dawn S. Bowen, assistant professor of geography, presented a paper, "Religion, Culture and Migration: The Causes and Consequences of Old Colony Mennonite Relocation," at the International Conference of Historical Geographers in Quebec City, Quebec. Dr. Bowen also made a presentation, "Carving Farms from the Forest: Do Eastern Models Fit Western Realities?," at the Eastern Historical Geographers Association. In addition, Dr. Bowen presented "Second Street: The Historic Heart of Richmond, Virginia's African-American Community" at the annual meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers.

David W. Cain, distinguished professor of religion, delivered a paper, "Kierkegaard's Visceral Hermeneutics of Contemporaneity and Confrontation," at the Fourth International Kierkegaard Conference 2001 at St. Olaf, Northfield, Minn., in June. In addition, Prof. Cain presided at another session of the conference.

W. Gardner Campbell, associate professor of English, presented a paper on "Milton and Hierarchy" as part of an invited panel of Milton scholars at the 2001 Conference on John Milton in Murfreesboro, Tenn. In September, he also served as writer and master of ceremonies for the Fredericksburg Area Memorial Concert, which honored victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Yuan-Jen Chiang, associate professor of mathematics, co-wrote a paper, "Biharmonic Maps from V-Manifolds into Riemannian Manifolds," to appear in the *International Journal of Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences, U.S.A.* Dr. Chiang also presented this paper at the First Joint Mathematical International Meeting between the American Mathematical Society and the Societé Mathematique de France, in Lyons, France.

Carole B. Corcoran, professor of psychology, was a member and co-chair of the Society for the Psychology of Women at the 13th Annual Psychology of Women Institute, a part of the 109th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, held in San Francisco, Calif. Dr. Corcoran presented a lecture, "Using Classroom Psychodrama Techniques to Reduce Oppression," as part of the workshop "Teaching the Psychology of Women: Continuity and Change." Dr. Corcoran was the co-chair for the Teaching Institute, Faculty Lecture, and attended the Executive Meeting at the American Psychological Association's annual convention. She was awarded a scholarship to attend the School of Playback Theatre at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., last summer. There she completed two training courses, including "Core Training" and an advanced course training on "Conflict and Culture." In addition, she was elected to the Board of Directors for Octaves Beyond Silence Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation which raises funds to assist girl and women survivors of sexual and domestic violence, war, genocide, political persecution and related violations of human rights.

Joseph C. Di Bella, distinguished professor of art, won first place in a national competition of more than 500 artists and had a solo exhibit of new paintings at the Phoenix Gallery in New York City last summer. He also exhibited a work in a national competitive group exhibition held in July at the Pleiades Gallery in New York.

Josh Duncan, archaeologist for the Center for Historic Preservation, had his

article, "Size Doesn't Matter: Upland Sites, Redundant Data or Redundant Questions?," published in the 2001 issue of the *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology*. His study was based on findings from the Center's archaeological research at Menokin, a former 18th-century plantation in Richmond County, Va. Mr. Duncan also organized a session at the annual Archeological Society of Virginia conference on the archaeology of Stratford Hall Plantation.

Claudia Emerson, assistant professor of English, was awarded a $5,000 fellowship in poetry from the Virginia Commission of the Arts. She received the grant for her work from a collection-in-progress titled *Late Wife*.

Stephen J. Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science and international affairs, had an article titled "Competing Citizen Views of Trust: Virginia Interviews on the Forms of Political and Personal Trust" published in the winter 2001 issue of the *Virginia Social Science Journal*. Dr. Farnsworth also recently presented a paper, "Campaigning Against Government in the Old Dominion: State Taxation, State Power, and Virginia's 1997 Gubernatorial Election," at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. He also presented "News Consumption and Support for Political Institutions" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. In addition, he participated in a panel analyzing the first months of the Bush administration at the annual meeting of the Virginia Social Science Association. Dr. Farnsworth also was elected to the executive committee of the Virginia Social Science Association. In addition, he had an article, "Patterns of Political Support: Examining Congress and the Presidency," published in *Congress and the Presidency*, a peer-reviewed journal. On Nov. 6, Dr. Farnsworth served as Virginia election analyst for public radio station WCVE-FM and for ABC-TV affiliate WRIC in Richmond.

Leanna C. Giancarlo, **Kelli M. Slunt** and **Raymond B. Scott**, members of the chemistry faculty, were awarded $99,500 by the National Science Foundation for their grant, "Acquisition of a Scanning Probe Microscope for Atomic Level Investigations of Chemical Systems." These funds, which are issued through the Major Research Instrumentation Program, will be used to purchase a scanning probe microscope capable of studying chemical systems at the nanometer scale.

Bradley A. Hansen, assistant professor of economics, is this year's recipient of the Newcomen-Harvard Special Award for best paper published by a young historian in the *Business History Review*. Dr. Hansen's paper, "The People's Welfare and the Origins of Corporate Reorganization: The Wabash Receivership Reconsidered," appeared in the autumn 2000 issue of the journal.

James M. Harding, associate professor of English, received a grant from the U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program to teach "Studies in the Histories of American Avant-Garde Performance and in the Performance of Cultural Identity" at Free University in Berlin, Germany, during the fall semester.

Karen P. Hartman, library director for the James Monroe Center, is the author of two articles, "Browsers" and "Search Engines," to appear in the first edition of *MacMillan's Computer Sciences*, a four-volume encyclopedia that is part of the MacMillan Science Library published by the Gale Group.

Alan G. Heffner, professor of leadership and management and director of the MBA program at the James Monroe Center, has been selected by Educational Testing Services of Princeton, N.J., to serve on a special national team of business faculty, deans and MBA program directors. The team was named to help create an MBA Outcomes Assessment Test that ETS is developing.

Pamela J. Hopkins, associate professor of MBA and leadership and management at the James Monroe Center, was featured on the public radio program, "With Good Reason." The segment, titled "Take This Job and Love It," featured Dr. Hopkins and her husband, Old Dominion University Professor Paul Stepanovich, and their research on the emotional impact of the workplace. The segment aired on public radio stations throughout Virginia and the District of Columbia last summer, and it was rebroadcast in the fall. Dr. Hopkins also co-authored a paper, "A Style of Her Own: The Leadership of Susan B. Anthony," which she presented at The Institute of Behavioral and Applied Management's (IBAM) national conference, held in Charleston, S.C. As one of three members on a panel to discuss "From Ackoff to Senge," Dr. Hopkins also talked about how to create a learning organization within the classroom. In addition, she was elected to serve on the IBAM board of directors.

Karen P. Hartman

Pamela J. Hopkins

Michael J. Joyce, professor of theatre, directed a play that toured three cities in Turkey last June. **David E. Hunt Jr.**, professor of theatre, designed the show, and MWC students performed with professional actors. The tour was sponsored by the Salihli Chapter of the Rotary Club of Turkey.

Margaret A. Klayton-Mi, associate professor of business, presented the paper, "Telemanagement: Managing Remote Workers," during conference proceedings at the Society for the Advancement of Management International Conference in Las Vegas, Nev. Dr. Klayton-Mi also presented "Telework in Mainland China" at a faculty luncheon at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. This presentation introduced the topic of telework to university professors. Additionally, Dr. Klayton-Mi was track chair of marketing and logistics for the 37th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the Institute for Opera-

tions Research and the Management Sciences, which was held in October 2001 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. She was a paper reviewer, a paper discussant on e-commerce, and the coordinator of three sessions. Further, she was invited to speak for two of the five 50-minute sessions on telework and the disabled at a conference sponsored by the North Carolina Assistive Living Council. She spoke on managing persons with disabilities who worked remotely and about the human resource issues involved in hiring persons with disabilities who could work off-site. Dr. Klayton-Mi also presented "Political and Economic Impact on Technology Development in China" and was the co-chair of the Virginia Consortium of Asian Studies Symposium at MWC in February.

Janusz Konieczny, associate professor of mathematics, delivered the lecture, "Structure of Centralizers of Transformations," at the plenary session of the Third International Algebraic Conference in Ukraine, held in Sumy, Ukraine. Dr. Konieczny also had his research article, "Second Centralizers of Partial Transformations," published in the *Czechoslovak Mathematical Journal.*

Leonard R. Koos, associate professor of French, had his article, "Making Angels: Abortion Literature in Turn-of-the-Century France," published in *Confrontations: Politics and Aesthetics in Nineteenth-Century France.* Dr. Koos also had his article, "The Adventure of Staying Home in Xavier de Maistre's *Voyage autour de ma chambre*," published in *Romance Notes* in the spring of 2001. Dr. Koos recently had "Dead Ringers: The Remake in Theory and Practice" published by the Albany State University Press of New York. He also co-wrote the introduction, "Reviewing Remakes: an Introduction," with Jennifer Forrest, and wrote another of the volume's essays, titled "Hiring Practices: Simenon, Duvivier, Leconte." In addition, Dr. Koos presented "Print Culture: From Journalism to Book in French Colonial North Africa" at the conference "Colonial and Post-Colonial Cultures of the Book," held at Grahamstown University in South Africa.

Elizabeth M. Freund Larus, assistant professor of political science, offered commentary on Taiwan's December 2001 elections in a Voice of America program broadcast throughout Mainland China. Dr. Larus' chapter, "Taiwan-China Relations Since the Election of President Chen Shui-bian," was published in *Taiwan's 2000 Presidential Election*, ed. Deborah A. Brown (St. John's University 2001).

David J. Long, professor of music, has been chosen as an ASCA*PLU$* Standard Award recipient, receiving a cash award made by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers for his work in writing music. Dr. Long also wrote the piece *The Crystals*, for percussion orchestra, which was performed at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Nashville, Tenn., in mid-November. He also wrote *Homage to Normandy*, for concert band, which was performed in Switzerland, as reported by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. This piece has been placed on the festival list in Georgia.

Kate Martin, field archaeologist for the Center for Historic Preservation, presented the paper, "Before the Lees: Prehistory at Stratford Hall Plantation," at the annual meeting of the Archaeological Society of Virginia. Her study examined Middle Woodland (200 A.D.-900 A.D.) occupation and associated artifacts at Stratford Hall. Through a comparison of several contemporaneous regional sites, the area was determined to represent a short-term Middle Woodland occupation.

Marie E. McAllister, assistant professor of English, has been elected vice president of the East-Central American Society for 18th-Century Studies. She has been a member of the society's board for two years and attended their 32nd annual conference in October. After serving as a dramaturge last spring for the first American production of a rare play by Frances Burney, Dr. McAllister assisted a student actor in writing a piece on the production for the fall 2001 *Burney Letter.* Dr. McAllister's own article, "A Busy Day Premieres in the U.S.A.," was published in the same issue.

Thomas G. Moeller, professor of psychology, had his book, *Youth Aggression and Violence: A Psychological Approach*, published in June 2001.

W. Brown Morton III, professor and Prince B. Woodard Chair of Historic Preservation, received funding from the Samuel Kress Foundation to undertake an architectural conservation mission in Jordan, where he advised the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land on the preservation of Mount Nebo, the site where Moses died. At the site are the ruins of a fourth- to eighth-century basilica and monastery with exceptional early mosaic floors.

Craig T. Naylor, assistant professor of music, wrote a piano concerto, titled *In Ancestral Realm*, to be used as a competition piece in Wisconsin and surrounding states. The work, commissioned by University of Wisconsin-River Falls faculty member Lillian Tan in memory of her sister, incorporates Buddhist, Afro-Caribbean and Western influences. Pianists from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ohio competed for the opportunity to perform the premiere with the UW-RF Wind Ensemble at the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association Conference in May 2002.

Lorene C. Nickel, professor in the department of art and art history, in collaboration with her husband and adjunct faculty member of the art department, Joseph Detwiler, has had her work selected for an international survey exhibition in association with Latrobe University in Australia. The show, titled "The 2002 Sydney Myer Fund International Ceramics Award," opened in March at the Shepparton Art Gallery in Shepparton, Victoria. A total of 60 works were selected for this exhibition. The Shepparton Art Gallery is home to the Southern Hemisphere's largest and most comprehensive collection of the ceramic arts. Nickel and Detwilers' work also has been selected for inclusion in a national exhibition to be held this fall and winter at the Wayne Art Center in Wayne, Pa.

Denis Nissim-Sabat, professor of psychology, served as a participant in developing the U.S. Surgeon General's Report, titled "National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: Goals and Objectives for Action."

Sigrid Norris, lecturer of English, linguistics, and speech, presented the paper, "The Significance of a European Identity at Home and in Public Spaces in Germany," at the American Anthropological Association 100th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Patricia P. Norwood, professor of music, presented the paper, "Musical Patterns in 13th-Century Marian Motets," at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association, held in October in New Orleans, La. Norwood also presented the financial report of the organization in her capacity as Secretary-Treasurer.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Jennifer A. Polack-Wahl, assistant professor of computer science, presented a paper titled "Enhancing Computer Ethics by Increasing Collaboration and Peer Learning" at the International Symposium on Technology and Society, held in Stamford, Conn. The paper was published in the *Proceeding of the International Symposium on Technology and Society.* Additionally, Dr. Polack-Wahl presented the paper, "Enhancing Group Projects in Software Engineering," at the Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges: Sixth Northeastern Conference, held at Middlebury College in Vermont. The paper was published in the 2001 *Proceeding of the Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges' Sixth Northeastern Conference.*

Daniel Preston, editor of *The Papers of James Monroe*, had his article, "Colonel James Monroe of the American Revolution: War, Ambition, Patriotism, and Symbolism," published in the September 2001 edition of *Annotation*, the newsletter of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Wendy L. Price, assistant professor of historic preservation, presented a session, "Tools for Planning: Making Our Cities Livable and Loveable — State Tools," at the 2001 Virginia Preservation Conference, sponsored by the Preservation Alliance of Virginia. Ms. Price also was a featured speaker at a regional workshop for community advocates, titled "Putting Historic Resources to Work in Your Community's Comprehensive Plan," sponsored by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

John H. Reynolds, professor of computer science, presented the paper, "Using Bit Manipulation to Reduce Sequential Search Times," at the Fifteenth Annual Southeastern Small College Computing Conference held in November at David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. The paper also was published in *The Journal of Computing in Small Colleges.*

Warren G. Rochelle, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "Why Johnny Can't Write: Converting Non-writers to Writers" on the panel "Scripting the Self into the Scene of Education: Success Stories Illustrating the Significance of Personal Writing in Educational Transformation" at the National Council of Teachers of English in Baltimore, Md. Dr. Rochelle also recently had his short story, "Interviews in Cold Springs, North Carolina," and his article, "North Carolina Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers: A Bibliographic Essay," published in the *North Carolina Literary Review.* In addition, Dr. Rochelle had his science fiction novel, *The Wild Boy,* published by Golden Gryphon Press.

Joseph M. Romero, assistant professor of classics, published several articles for the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* this spring and in the fall received an award for his contributions from the International Thesaurus Commission. Dr. Romero also presented a paper, "Callimachus the Consummate Artist: Energeia and Kinesis in Calim. Aet. fr. 1.39-40 PF," at the 97th annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle-West and South in Provo, Utah.

Robert S. Rycroft, professor of economics, co-authored a paper titled "The Principal-Agent Problem and the Labor Market: A Classroom Experiment" at the Economic Science Association Meeting in Tuscon, Ariz. The other co-authors are Sheryl Ball of Virginia Tech, Nicole Craine of National Defense University, Mehrene Larudee of the University of Kansas and Melissa Osborne of Towson University.

Mark J. Safferstone, associate dean of graduate and professional studies, is the author of the second edition of *Powerweb: Management Information Systems*, which was published by McGraw-Hill/Dushkin in December. He also led several workshops, including "The MBTI: Building Teams — Leading Change" at the U.S. Department of Justice's Department of Property Management Services, "Team Building — MBTI" at the Office of Naval Research, as well as "Introduction to the MBTI," "The MBTI & Leadership," and "The Role of Personality & Style in Leading Organizational Change" at the Federal Executive Institute. In addition, Dr. Safferstone has reviewed numerous books, including *Global Literacies: Lessons on Business Leadership and National Cultures*; *Good to Great*; and *Multiple Intelligences and Leadership* in *CHOICE*, a publication of the American Library Association. He reviewed *Evolve: Succeeding in the Digital Culture of Tomorrow* in the professional journal *Academy of Management Executive*. He also was chosen and certified as an examiner for the U.S. Senate "Productivity and Quality Award for Virginia" program.

Douglas W. Sanford, associate professor of historic preservation, presented a paper, "The Archaeology of Slave Quarter Architecture and Landscape," at the 13th Conference on Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes in Winston-Salem, N.C. This year's program, "Cultivating History: Exploring Horticultural Practices of the Southern Gardener," was hosted by Old Salem Inc., the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts and the Southern Garden History Society. He also had an article, titled "Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Archaeology at Mary Washington College," published in the July/August 2001 issue of *Arch Notes*, the newsletter for the Ontario Archaeological Society.

A. Blair Staley, assistant professor of MBA and leadership and management at the James Monroe Center, passed the Accredited ACH Professional (AAP) examination. AAP accreditation signifies expertise in e-commerce, including skill in wire transfers and other electronic payment systems, in audit and the man-

agement of risk for electronic payment systems, and in applicable federal and state regulations. Dr. Staley also worked with the System Administration and Network Security (SANS) Institute to develop online training in e-commerce. The James Monroe Center partners with the SANS Institute in the delivery of certain online graduate courses.

Jennifer Stringfellow, field archaeologist for the Center for Historic Preservation, presented the paper, "Nail Analysis from the Old Orchard at Stratford Hall Plantation," at the annual Archeological Society of Virginia conference.

Gregg Stull, associate professor of theatre, had his article, "Performing Memory, Piecing Action," published in the Summer 2001 issue of *American Art.*

Michele L. Swers, assistant professor of political science and international affairs, received the Carl Albert Award for the best dissertation on legislative politics from the Legislative Studies section of the American Political Science Association. Her book, *The Difference Women Make: The Policy Impact of Women in Congress*, will be published by the University of Chicago Press in September 2002.

John G. Temple, assistant professor of biology, presented a paper titled "Animal Magnetism: Using Magnetic Stir Bars to Learn About Digestive Passage Rate in Snakes" at the annual meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology in Chicago. The manuscript of that paper has been accepted for publication in the journal *American Biology Teacher.* In addition, Dr. Temple was a co-author with his independent study student, Elana Pressman, for the research poster, "An Examination of the Thermoregulatory Response of the Garter Snake *Thamnophis radix radix* to the Bacterium *Aeromonas hydrophila*," also presented at that meeting.

Leslie Jo Tyler, assistant professor of education at the James Monroe Center, recently presented a paper, "'If There Would have been a Rule': Variation in Counterfactual Clauses," at the joint meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association and the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics held in Atlanta, Ga. She also reviewed the book, *Learning English at School: Identity, Social Relations and Classroom Practice,* for the *Linguist List.* In addition, Dr. Tyler was elected to the board of directors of two professional organizations: the Virginia Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, whose Teacher Education and Program Administration Special Interest Group she chairs, and the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics.

Esther L. Yook

Marsha F. Zaidman

Paulette S. Watson, director of publications, and the staff of the Publications Office won two awards from the international competition, Mercury 2001 Excellence Awards. A Gold Award (first place) in the Magazines: University, category was presented for the summer 2001 issue of *Mary Washington College Today*, and they won a bronze award (third place) for the "President's Message and Annual Report of Gifts 2000-2001" in the Annual Reports — Overall Presentation: Non-Profit Organizations category.

Elisabeth Wright, assistant professor of MBA at the James Monroe Center, traveled to the Czech Republic where she taught for six weeks as part of a U.S.–Czech Republic government exchange program. Dr. Wright taught program management and acquisition management at the Czech Republic's Ministry of Defense. Participants in the course included high-level defense officials and parliamentarians faced with the challenges of redefining formerly Communist defense priorities.

Esther L. Yook, speaking center director, served as chair and respondent for the American Educators in Journalism and Mass Communication on "The Impact of New Communication Technologies on Media Institutions, Education and Society," in Washington, D.C. Dr. Yook also was a respondent for "International Communication Associations for Paradigms in Transition: Changing Discourses and Communicative Practices From Human Communication to Corporate Communication in Korea," in Washington.

Marsha F. Zaidman, associate professor of computer science, was the first recipient of the Commonwealth Girl Scout Council Women of Distinction Award. She was honored at the Women of Distinction Awards Dinner, held in September. The award was presented for exhibition of leadership in the world of computer science, helping citizens cope with daily life, deal with change and explore their possible roles and responsibilities in the future world of technological challenges.

Carolyn F. Huckabay '04 of Bethesda, Md., is majoring in English and is a student aide in the Office of College Relations and Legislative Affairs at MWC.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

November

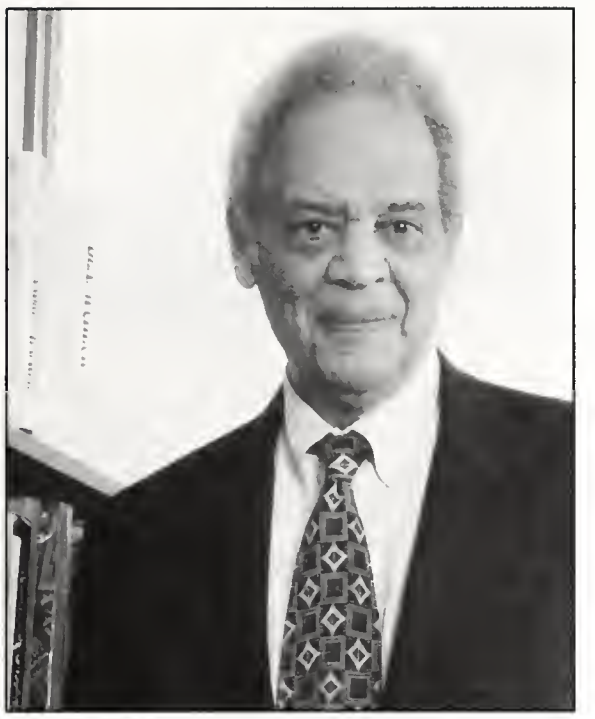
In observance of World AIDS Day, 12 sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt were on display at the College.

December

Dr. Dennis Sherman, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, presented a lecture on human rights issues titled "Globalization, Government and Human Rights" as part of the "Issues in Human Rights Colloquium Series"... Joy Hendry, a social anthropologist at England's Oxford Brookes University, lectured on "Recreating Shakespeare's Birthplace in a Theme Park: History of the 'Other' in Contemporary Japan" as part of the Public History Lecture Series ...The Mary Washington College Wind and Percussion Ensemble's concert, "December Winds," was held in Dodd Auditorium. The Wind and Percussion Ensemble is composed of about 45 musicians, including students, faculty and community members...Students participating in the MWC debate team discussed the war on terrorism in two separate debates..."Deck the Halls 2001," the 21st annual holiday floral decorating presentation, offered by the James Monroe Museum in conjunction with Jan Williams Florals, was held at MWC.

January

The eighth annual Cultural Awareness Series continued at MWC in spring 2002. Presented by the James Farmer Multicultural Center, the series recognizes diversity in race, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, age and culture... The exhibition, "Drawings by Moses Soyer (1899-1975): From Social Realism to Romantic Realism," was displayed in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery as part of the larger exhibition, "Mary Washington College Celebrates the Figure in Two Traditions." The other part of the exhibition was "Join in a Song: A Gallery Installation," an interpretation of an African-American church by artist Jeremy Austin ...The business administration department again offered a free, two-day training session for tax preparers who volunteer their services to help low-income and elderly residents with their tax returns... Pulitzer Prize winner Roger Wilkins was the keynote speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Wilkins is the Clarence J. Robinson Professor of History and American Culture at George Mason University...Nadine Strossen, professor of law at New York Law School and president of the American Civil Liberties Union, was the first speaker in the College's lecture series, "Mysterium Humanum: Religion and Freedom." She spoke on "Why Separation of Government and Religion is Good for Both Government and Religion"...The annual Foreign Film Series began with the French comedy "Faat-Kine." The series, sponsored by the department of modern foreign languages, continued in the spring with "Amores Perros," "The Mystery of Oberwald," "The Princess and the Warrior," and "Malena," all with English subtitles ... Robert K. Ressler, the founder of the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program, lectured on "Inside the Mind of a Serial Killer"...The Sotto Voce Tuba Quartet conducted a brass workshop in the Pollard Hall Recital Room...The Core Ensemble, a touring group of chamber musicians known for unique instrumentation, performed in Pollard Recital Hall ...An exhibition featuring coins found at an early Christian basilica complex in Tunisia was on display in the Trinkle Hall Rotunda display cases through March 1. "The Coins from Bir Ftouha" are mostly from the Vandalic and Byzantine cultures and date from around the sixth century, the time the early Christian basilica at the site was built and in use. The coins represent typical "pocket change" of their day, and were dropped or lost in some way and not retrieved...An exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors was on display in the duPont Gallery. Students featured in the show included Amanda West of Voorhees, N.J., Sarah Crow of Chester, Susan Hurdle of Arlington, and Travis Head of Chesapeake. As part of the studio art degree requirements, senior students must organize an exhibition of their work...Dr. Thomas Leitch lectured on "Four Hitchcocks for a New Century" as an introduction to the College's Alfred Hitchcock film series. Leitch, the author of *Find the Director and Other Hitchcock Games*, specializes in detective narratives and Hollywood genre films.



Roger Wilkins

"Man Praying," by Jeremy Austin

February

The College celebrated Black History Month with a series of performances, lectures and film screenings. Voices of Praise presented a "Gospel Extravaganza," SHADES performed, comedian Rodney Johnson entertained in The Underground, the annual "Step Show and Competition" was held, and Step Afrika, an ensemble dance team, performed at MWC. Founded in 1994, Step Afrika is a collaborative project among young artists from the United States, Europe and the South Africa-based Soweto Dance Theatre ...Dr. Michael Smitka of the economics department at Washington and Lee University talked on "Wither Japan?" at the Virginia Consortium of Asian Studies symposium sponsored by The Leidecker Center for Asian Studies...Pianist Lynne Mackey's performance in Dodd Auditorium included works by Haydn, Bach, Chopin, Samuel Barber and Rachmaninoff. Currently on the touring roster of the Virginia Commission for the Arts and an adjunct faculty member at the College, Ms. Mackey has performed in solo and chamber music settings in the United States and the Netherlands...MWC's Historic Preservation Club held its annual spring conference on African-American culture and how it has been incorporated into the field of preservation. The keynote speaker for the event was Lorraine Johnson-Coleman, an expert on African-American culture, who spoke on "African-American Cultural Preservation." Adam Goodheart, columnist for *Civilization* magazine, spoke on slavery on Southern plantations. John M. Vlach, professor of American studies at George Washington University, lectured on African-American folk life, and Dr. James K. Bryant II, an African-American resource coordinator for the Fredericksburg and Spotsyl-

Elizabeth Barber

vania Military Park and historian for the National Park Service in Fredericksburg, spoke about "Civil War Sources in African-American History"...The department of theatre and dance continued its 2001-02 season with "Gemini," by Albert Innaurato ...Students featured in the Senior Art Exhibition were Linda McAuliffe of New Britain, Conn., Jacqueline Bonner of Fredericksburg, Patti McCray of Fredericksburg, Bill Hartland of Richmond, and Erin Bloom of Vienna...A symposium on ancient numismatics (coins), "A Rich Resource: Contributions of Field Numismatics to Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies," was presented in Trinkle Hall... The Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble held its spring concert, performing a variety of pieces ranging from classical big band style (Giuffre's "Four Brothers") to swing bebop (Gillespie's "Salt Peanuts") to modern jazz and fusion (Matt Harris' "The Last Basket")...The Mary Washington College Chorus presented a concert, performing the "Stabat Mater of Pergolesi," featuring student soloists, along with choral works by McCray, Snyder, Passereau, Casals and Schubert. The Women's Chamber Choir also performed, singing works by Mendelssohn, Vittoria, Brahms and Adler. Kathy Hoskins was the accompanist for the evening.

March

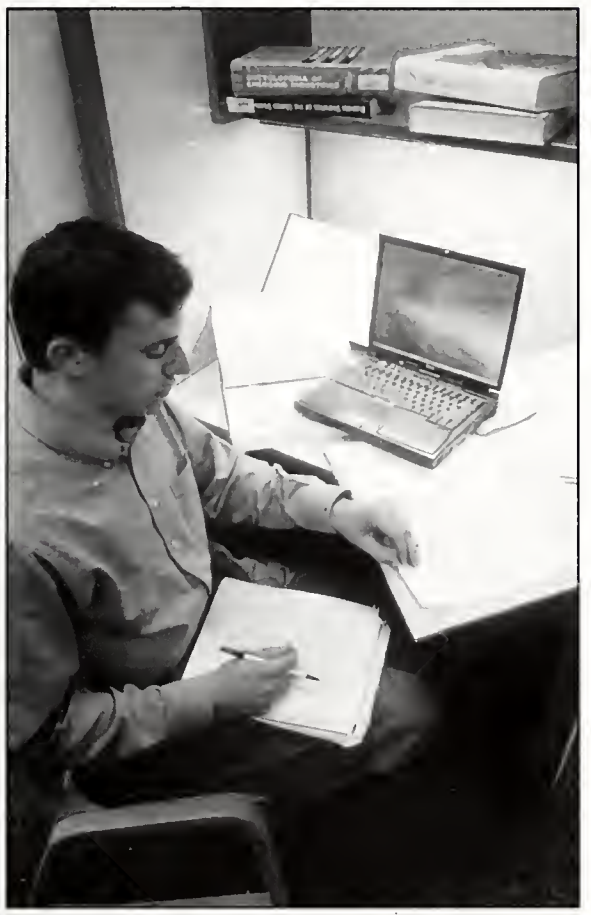
The Mary Washington College Wind and Percussion Ensemble presented a "Good Buddy Concert," geared toward children...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance's 2001-02 season continued with "No Exit," written by the existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre...Dr. Elizabeth Barber, professor of linguistics and archaeology at Occidental College in Los Angeles, lectured as Mary Washington College's Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar. Dr. Barber's lecture was titled "'Where DID You Get That Hat, My Dear?' — How We Came to Dress the Way We Do."..."The President's Own" United States Marine Band returned to Mary Washington College to perform a St. Patrick's Day concert on March 17..."Off the Wall: The Life and the Works of Charlotte Perkins Gilman," a one-woman show by Ann Timmons, was performed in the Lee Hall Underground...Singer, songwriter and comedienne Deidre Flint entertained in the Underground...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra's concert was held...An exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors was on display in the duPont Gallery: Erin Martinelli and R. Greg Bishop, both of Fredericksburg, Krista Rickel of Richmond, and Emily Williams of Skillman, N.J....Turkish folk musicians performed in concert...Col. Rose Mary Sheldon, professor of history at VMI and ancient espionage expert, presented a lecture, "Toga and Dagger: Espionage in the Ancient World,"...Award-winning poet Betty Adcock read from her works ...The Fredericksburg Singers presented their spring concert...Mary Washington College's 2001 Historic Preservation Book Prize winner, Dr. Daniel D. Reiff, professor of art history at the State University of New York College at Fredonia, lectured on "Houses from Books: Treatises, Pattern Books and Catalogs in American Architecture: 1738-1950"...Mary Washington College welcomed award-winning poet and activist Sonia Sanchez as its Women's History Month keynote speaker ...A concert, Celebrating Women Composers, was held in Pollard Recital Hall... African-American quilter Kyra Hicks lectured on "One Million African-American Quilters — Our Place in American Quilting"...Norman Ramsey, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project and the development of MRI imaging technology, spoke on "Personal Anecdotes About Great Physicists."

April

World famous art scholar David Bull, senior consultant of the Painting Conservation Department at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., was the first speaker in a series about the life and works of Leonardo da Vinci. He spoke on "A Close Look at Two Portraits by Leonardo." The series was held in conjunction with the exhibition, "Leonardo da Vinci: Artist, Scientist, Engineer," which was held in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery March 28-May 26. Both the exhibition and the series celebrated the 550th anniversary of Leonardo's birth...The department of theatre and dance closed its 2001-02 season with "The Trojan Women" by Euripides, in a new adaptation by Brendan Kennelly.

Events at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies

In December the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies offered a course on Web page development for adults interested in learning how to build and maintain pages on the World Wide Web…Interested adults were invited to attend January information sessions which outlined the training needed to become a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) or earn A+ professional certification. The MCSE Windows 2000 training is intended for IT professionals working in the computer networking environment, while the A+ training provides the information needed to maintain and service personal computers…The spring courses at JMC's Technology Academy were designed to familiarize adults with an array of computer fundamentals to meet today's technology challenges. The spring course schedule included "Digital Photography Editing," "Introduction to Networking," "Online Job Searching," "Building Your Own Web Page," and "Microsoft Word 2000"…JMC offered the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Certification course on seven Saturdays beginning March 9 …In partnership with the Fredericksburg Regional Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, JMC conducted a "Human Resource Fundamentals" program March 14-15.



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JMC Students Win Praise of Federal and Local Government Officials for Completed Internship Projects

BY CHRISTINE J. NEUBERGER

Students at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies of Mary Washington College have won praise from officials in the U.S. and Stafford County governments for their completed graduate and undergraduate internship projects.

A graduate student at JMC created a framework for a computer-based training course for U.S. Department of Energy employees, and an undergraduate student has redesigned the Stafford County Department of Economic Development's World Wide Web site.

The internship projects exemplify the internships that JMC in Stafford promotes as it strives to fulfill two key missions — to support regional economic development and to foster professional advancement. "We're giving students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to real-world experience. And we're benefiting businesses in the area, so we're meeting the mission on both ends," said Gail Brooks, JMC associate professor of computer technology.

Mary Kay Driscoll, a master of business administration student, designed a prototype structure and recommended software for a computer-based, self-paced training course that teaches U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) employees how to respond to nuclear, biological, chemical, biohazard or other emergencies. Guided by Driscoll's work, the DOE hopes in 2002 to implement the training for employees at its headquarters and more than 200 DOE sites nationwide. "A super, super job. Very, very well done," Kurt Mickus, operations director for DOE's Office of Emergency Management, said of Driscoll's work.

Peter Maxwell, a bachelor of professional studies student, redesigned the Stafford Department of Economic Development's Web site. Stafford officials said the much-needed, cost-effective overhaul resulted in a user-friendly, easily maintained site with a professional look. "We feel this was a very successful project for us," Stafford County Tourism Manager Jeff Rouse said.

JMC's professional internships are distinct from many traditional internships. Oriented to working adults, the JMC internships must allow the students to do most work off-site and in the evening and on weekends, thereby freeing the sponsoring organization from having to provide workspace. JMC internships also must culminate in an end product, such as a set of Web pages, a program or a report.

Peter Maxwell

"The internships benefit all parties," said Dr. Alan G. Heffner, JMC's MBA program director and professor of leadership and management. "It exposes our students to different environments, networking opportunities and real hands-on projects that they might not have the time or chance to get in a formal classroom setting … and it gives organizations access to resources they can't afford."

Mary Kay Driscoll

The idea for the DOE and the Stafford internships came from those organizations, both of whom approached JMC to seek student assistance with the projects. Alan Simmons, a DOE program manager, said Driscoll's internship "saved us an enormous amount of dollars, effort and time. It was a very good, win-win situation."

Stafford's Rouse said Maxwell's Website redesign could have cost $20,000 to $30,000 and perhaps more if Stafford had outsourced the project to a private consultant. Besides a cost-effective redesign, the county also wanted the new site http://www.co.stafford.va.us/EconDev/index.htm to boast easy navigation, a professional look, easy maintenance and efficiency. For a visitor with a standard dial-up connection, it now takes less than eight seconds to open up the new home page, compared to the 55 seconds needed to open the previous site.

"We finished everything that we set out to do," Rouse said. "It's been very successful, and we've had a lot of positive feedback about the redesign." The new site went live in October 2001, though Maxwell continued work on the project through early December.

During Driscoll's four-month internship, she designed a flexible, self-directed training course, allowing DOE employees to set their own pace as they mastered complex material and moved up the trunk of a "Tree of Knowledge" and onto its branches. To engage trainees, Driscoll suggested review mechanisms such as quizzes, plus other tools that included role-playing, scenarios, hyperlinks and video and audio streaming. She compared the ability of different software to incorporate all media types, as well as software cost, flexibility and ease of use. As DOE's Simmons told Driscoll, "You did a great job with tough material."

Stafford's Rouse said he believes JMC internships provide a good option for small and start-up businesses with modest budgets and hopes of having their own professional-looking Web sites: "It's a mutually beneficial relationship."

Driscoll and Maxwell said the internships provided various benefits, among them new professional experience and better insight into career options. "What attracted me to the internship was I could tread new ground," said Driscoll, 29. She hopes to receive the master's degree, with a concentration in organization and human resource development, in May 2003. She lives near Fredericksburg in Spotsylvania County with her husband and daughter.

Maxwell, 32, lives with his wife and their young daughter near Fredericksburg in Stafford. He works as a computer programmer analyst at GEICO. "I got a lot of good experience in dealing with end-users and being responsible for the entire process," Maxwell said. "I had never done a lot of Web development before." With a concentration in computer technology, Maxwell expects to earn his BPS degree in May 2002.

Christine J. Neuberger is news information and publications coordinator at the James Monroe Center.

J. Christopher Bill Scholarship in Psychology Established

The College and the Department of Psychology lost a dedicated and steadfast friend on December 3, 2001. In the weeks and months following the sudden, unexpected death of J. Christopher Bill, the psychology department received hundreds of expressions of condolence and support from students and colleagues, past and present, whose lives were touched by Topher Bill's larger-than-life presence on this campus. During the difficult days following Topher's death, the words of support and encouragement constantly reminded us how lucky we are to work with such wonderful students and supportive colleagues. Many of the cards, letters and e-mails we received asked what could be done to honor Topher's many years of dedication to the students of Mary Washington College. In response, the psychology department, in conjunction with the MWC Foundation, has established the J. Christopher Bill Scholarship in Psychology.

The scholarship proposal was presented to the Board of Visitors at its February meeting. The BOV enthusiastically endorsed the proposal and indicated that it would formally approve the scholarship at its April meeting. The scholarship proposal reads, in part,

> *It is the purpose of this scholarship fund to honor Professor "Topher" Bill's 27 years of dedicated service as a teacher at Mary Washington College and to recognize his tireless support of psychology majors as they progressed through their studies. It is the intent of this scholarship fund to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of majors within the Department of Psychology, in keeping with the standards of excellence set by Professor Bill.*

Topher Bill was, first and foremost, a dedicated teacher who worked tirelessly in support of his students, both inside the classroom and out. We are excited that Professor Bill's legacy will be honored by the financial support of the very people who were at the center of his work, the students.

Gifts to the scholarship fund may be mailed to the MWC Foundation, J. Christopher Bill Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1908, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402.

MWC Debate Team Wins Second Consecutive National Title

The Mary Washington College Debate Team won its second consecutive national championship at the American Debate Association's 17th Annual National Championship Tournament held at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C., March 7-11. In the final debate of the tournament, freshmen Joseph Packer of Williamsburg and Om Jahagirdar of Richmond claimed the top prize for first-year debaters by defeating a team from Liberty University.

"For MWC to win two years in a row with different debaters is a remarkable accomplishment," said Timothy O'Donnell, director of debate at the College. "This was a total squad effort and it took everyone's total effort to make it happen."

In addition to Packer and Jahagirdar, several other MWC teams were recognized at the tournament and several students earned individual recognition for their performances.

In the season's ending rankings for all tournaments, the Mary Washington College debate program is ranked 10th by the National Debate Tournament for the 2001-02 season. According to O'Donnell, "It shows that we can compete with the very best — like Harvard, Dartmouth, Berkeley and Wake Forest, and that the process of building the College's debate program is on track."

On April 5, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson welcomed alumni and friends to the first President's Key Reception at Brompton. After an elegant evening of visiting and touring the president's home, members of the Brompton, Cornerstone, and 1908 giving societies were presented hand-crafted key pins signifying each as a "Key to the Future" of Mary Washington College.

Alumni News

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

Greetings for Summer 2002 from your Alumni Association Board of Directors. We had a very busy spring, with many alumni activities taking place in such locations as Baltimore, the Tidewater-Peninsula area, Richmond, Fredericksburg, Washington, D.C., and even as far away as San Diego. The Distinguished Graduate in Residence Program in late March featured Marion Blakey '70, chair of the National Transportation Safety Board. Several other important events took place in April, including the Alumni Association reception for the Class of 2002, followed at the end of May and first days of June by a successful Reunion Weekend.

My tenure as president ends this summer. It has been a wonderful two years with lots of memorable milestones for the association. I believe four of the most important milestones were the completion of funding for the first four Washington Scholarships, the introduction of our new online community for alumni, the progress made towards construction of a new Alumni Executive Center, and the continued growth of alumni unrestricted giving to the Annual Fund.

The staff at MWC and members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors made my job both easy and pleasant, and I look forward to continuing friendships and working relationships within the Alumni Association.

Even more promising times are ahead. Our new alumni president, Kathy Shepherd Mehfoud '70, is the perfect choice to lead us forward. You will be hearing from Kathy in future issues of *MWC Today*. My thanks to all "alums."

Patricia Branstetter Revere '63

MWC Rings Up New Record

BY LEE ANN REASER '98

The Phonathon fall 2001 and spring 2002 calling sessions broke every existing Mary Washington College calling record. Over the course of 11 weeks, students eagerly called alumni and parents to talk about campus activities and the Annual Fund. After 162 hours and 28,134 phone calls — the total amount raised shocked everyone.

"I was so excited when I heard the final totals," says Phonathon Chair Gina D'Eramo '03. "I know the success this year is due in part to the tireless dedication of our callers, as well as the love and loyalty of MWC alumni and parents."

The goal for the 2001-02 Phonathon was an optimistic $560,000. The final total at the beginning of March was an astounding $620,852. Not only did the callers surpass this year's goal by more than $60,000, they also beat last year's total by 12 percent.

Some fun facts:

Students attempted 36,597 calls over 57 calling sessions.

Callers consumed 79 pounds of candy.

On one calling night, a record-breaking $66,690 was raised!

Total pledges increased 19 percent over last year.

New and increased pledges accounted for 56 percent of the total pledges.

Lee Ann Reaser '98 is MWC's assistant director of annual giving.

Illustration by Richard Chenoweth, A.I.A.

A Work in Progress

The new Alumni Executive Center will span more than 24,000 square feet to offer a functional and elegant place for traditional College, alumni and community events. The Center will feature a boardroom, numerous meeting rooms, a banquet hall for large-scale dinners, a reception gallery, first-class guest suites, and an outdoor open-air courtyard. It will also house the Offices of Alumni Relations and College Advancement.

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

It may not be visible to the naked eye, but a lot is happening behind the scenes of the new Alumni Executive Center at Trench Hill.

Since the kickoff in May 2000, campaign committee members have visited with hundreds of MWC alumni and area businesses to ask for their support. Architectural committee members have pored over blueprints, perused swatch books, and studied furniture design to come up with the best plans and the perfect look. At this point, the Center is definitely a work in progress.

Finding the funds

In addition to the $2 million leadership gift from Robert and Alice Andrews Jepson '64, several significant gifts have contributed to an impressive campaign total of $4.6 million. Thomas N. and Rebecca Lonas Allen '60, John and Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59, Vernon and Gaynelle Parrish Grizzard '50, Charles and Elizabeth Smith Hughes '51, Elsie and H.M. "Mac" Janney Jr., Elizabeth Kalnen '37, Gilmer and Charlotte Major Minor '66, Sara Page Cosby Mayo '64, Capital One, the MWC Alumni Association and past rectors of the Board of Visitors all pledged $100,000 or more. Business leaders in the Fredericksburg area have offered additional support to the campaign, and a few donations have been received from benefactors who wish to remain anonymous.

Jeff Rountree '91, vice president for college development, says while large gifts dramatically impact campaign totals, all contributions are important. "Our campaign goal for the Alumni Executive Center is $6 million dollars. Every gift — whether it is $100, $1,000, $10,000, or $25,000 — adds up to money invested in the future of Mary Washington College and the entire community. With the loyalty of MWC alumni, the dedication of parents and friends of the College, and the resourcefulness of area businesses, I am confident we will reach our goal to build, decorate and operate the Center as planned."

Preparing for construction

Architects and engineers from the Norfolk-based firm of Clark Nexsen have examined, measured and gone to the drawing board to develop plans of action for the excavation and construction of the two new sections of the Center, as well as the renovation of the existing house at Trench Hill. Plans were sent to Richmond in early March for state approval.

Currently, the Trench Hill building houses approximately 20 staff members and several student aides for the Offices of Alumni Relations and College Advancement. Later this summer, these personnel will be relocated to temporary offices on campus so that preliminary site work can begin.

Construction is projected to start in December. Final move-in and the grand opening is scheduled for June 2004.

Planning the decor

Although the ground has yet to be broken, interior designers have already developed a plan. Mary Randolph Corbin '71, chair of the building committee and executive assistant to the president, says she is pleased with the in-depth research and resulting recommendations from the Richmond-based firm of Beaty & Brown.

"The interior designers have spent hours touring the campus and surrounding community, and poring through old photographs in the Simpson Library Special Collections to get a feel for the College and the Fredericksburg area," says Mrs. Corbin. "They have recommended the decor reflect three themes — a sense of history, sense of community, and sense of pride — to represent the past of Mary Washington College and its ties with current students, alumni and the larger community. I think these three themes will help provide a seamless transition from charming and historic, to new and practical. Overall, the look of the Center will be traditional — yet fresh, inviting and comfortable."

Maintaining communication

Several articles and newsletters have been written about the Alumni Executive Center since the summer of 2000. If you would like to revisit any of these articles, read the detailed project overview. or see an update from the architects, please visit the MWC Web page at http://departments.mwc.edu/rela/www/giving/aec/index.html. If you have questions, or would like additional information, contact Jeff Rountree or Ross Ramsey at the MWC Office of College Advancement toll-free at (888) MWC-0004. You may also send an e-mail to jrountre@mwc.edu.

First-Person Profiles

Ed. note: MWC Today *is beginning First-Person Profiles as a once-in-awhile lighthearted addition to the pages of Alumni News. Scott Harris '83 has contributed our first piece. Submissions, for which there is no payment, may be sent for consideration to Editor,* MWC Today, *and should be no longer than 250 words.*

Scott Harris in front of the Bushong House, an 1825 home on the New Market Battlefield.

Scott H. Harris '83

I graduated from Mary Washington College in May 1983, armed with a B.A. in history and historic preservation, eagerly anticipating my immediate entry into the museum field. It should come as no surprise, then, to learn that my first full-time job after graduation was with a defense contractor.

While I enjoyed creating $5,000 toasters, I still wanted to be where the real money is — MUSEUMS! I entered graduate school at the College of William & Mary in June 1986. The same month, Diann M. Davis '81 said "I do" to a certain question. That was 15 wonderful years and two beautiful children — Jeff and Becky — ago.

After earning an M.A. in history and museum administration from W&M and working for Colonial Williamsburg, I was hired in 1988 as curator of The Manassas Museum by its director, another MWC alum named Douglas K. Harvey '81. How I love those old school ties! When Doug left in 1995, I succeeded him and ultimately became director of historic resources for the City of Manassas.

In February 2001 I became site director of the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park. This 230-acre historic site, including the Bushong Farm and Hall of Valor Museum, interprets the 1864 Civil War battle of New Market, in which the VMI cadets played a major part.

Now I'm back in my native Shenandoah Valley, with a job I love — though I still miss the toasters sometimes.

Thanks, MWC, for everything!

SHRM Names Susan Meisinger '74 President and CEO

The Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) in Alexandria, Va., announced the selection of Susan R. Meisinger '74 as its new president and CEO. SHRM is the world's largest human resource management association, representing more than 165,000 human resource professionals in more than 70 countries. "I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this remarkable organization and position it for even greater opportunities in the future," said Ms. Meisinger.

Prior to joining SHRM in 1987, Meisinger served as deputy undersecretary for the Employment Standards Administration (ESA) of the U.S. Department of Labor. As head of the agency, she was responsible for the administration of more than 90 federal laws and regulatory initiatives affecting workers' compensation, minimum wage and overtime, and nondiscrimination and affirmative action obligations of federal contractors. Meisinger also served as special legal counsel for the Associated Builders and Contractors in Washington, D.C. In this role, she provided advice to contractors on wage and hour, and nondiscrimination and affirmative action obligations.

Meisinger received her bachelor's degree from MWC and a law degree from the National Law Center of George Washington University. She is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association. She has also earned certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources through the Human Resource Certification Institute, an affiliate of SHRM.

BY VALERIE S. KURAMOTO

Classmates of Frances Bold '52 recalled her as being quiet, unassuming and very studious. The studious part was no doubt accurate — after receiving her bachelor's degree at MWC, she continued her education at the University of North Carolina, earning an M.S. in Library Science. After completing her graduate studies, she received a Fulbright Scholarship and studied in England from 1956-57. Her career path included a number of librarian positions in Virginia and Massachusetts, and she completed her career as a decimal classification specialist at the Library of Congress.

Her unassuming presence lingered throughout her adult life as well — a bashfulness that on the surface masked the racing intellect that she possessed. But once you got to know her — watch out! Conversations about a broad range of subjects flowed from her like the waters of a river after the spring melt. She was well-read, well-traveled, and loved to collect art in many forms. First and foremost was her extensive Wedgewood collection. There also were pieces of Asian pottery, paintings, oriental rugs, rare books and antiques — and a whimsical 500-piece mouse collection.

The Legacy of Frances Bold '52

In the summer of 1999, I received a call from Frances Bold's financial adviser. Frances was very ill and wanted to finalize her estate plans. She intended to make Mary Washington College the primary beneficiary of her estate, and her adviser wanted to get some specifics on how to include the College in her Trust arrangements. Through his contact, I received permission to visit Frances in her apartment in Arlington, Va. Frances and I met on several occasions in her living room on Fairfax Drive, and it was a distinct privilege to get to know this vibrant, intelligent lady. She fought her illness with grace and determination, and managed to outlive her doctors' predictions by several years. Sadly, she lost her battle on September 29, 2001.

In numerous ways Frances Bold was like many other MWC graduates. She arrived here as a young lady with promise, and she left with a solid education that would serve her well throughout her lifetime. She appreciated the time she spent at Mary Washington College and understood the impact it had on her life. It was this very appreciation that led her to make such a significant gift to the College through her estate plans.

Frances Bold would have celebrated her 50th reunion at MWC this spring. I know that her classmates will honor her memory as they gather on the beautiful Fredericksburg campus. Her ongoing relationships with classmates, such as Rita Morgan Stone '52 of Alexandria, were a source of much joy in her final days.

Frances Bold's extraordinary generosity and her willingness to advise the College about her estate plans, allowed me to have an opportunity to share some time with her and get to know her on behalf of the College. She was full of energy, life, ideas and interests. She will be dearly remembered for what she brought to life.

Through her Trust, Frances has left the College many personal furnishings, which will be used to help decorate the new Alumni Executive Center. In addition, the College will receive a substantial gift from the proceeds of her estate and will use these funds to name a prominent space in the new Center. Thanks to her foresight and generosity, Frances Bold's legacy will live on at Mary Washington College.

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Class Notes

Devil Notes

1917

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It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Gertrude Williamson White Irvine**. Born in March 1897 in Warm Springs, Va., Gertrude was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. During her childhood, her family moved to Churchville, Va., where she grew up. In order to attend college, she had to arrange to study her senior year in an accredited high school in Waynesboro. She then attended the Fredericksburg Normal School, which was what MWC was known by at that time. She graduated in 1917, and after teaching in Alexandria for three years, Gertrude returned to FNS to teach for two years. She left to further her studies at the General Assembly's Training School in Richmond, later named the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, now jointly associated with Union Theological Seminary. Upon graduation in 1924, she became the assistant to the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, N.C.

In Asheville Gertrude rekindled an acquaintance with a distant relative, John M. Irvine, and in 1926 they were married. Two years later they had their only child, a son named after his father. The Irvine family lived in the New York City area until John Jr. finished high school. Gertrude and John then moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., where they lived until they retired.

For 18 years after retirement, the Irvines lived in Wilmington, N.C., on Masonboro Sound. When the house became too much for them to manage, they moved to a retirement home near son John. In 1988 they made a final move to Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Village in Harrisonburg, Va. A short time later, their son and his wife moved to a new home less than a mile away from them. Gertrude and John had a joyful marriage that lasted 70 years, until John died at the age of 93.

Gertrude had a remarkable career as a wife, mother and volunteer church worker. She was president of the National Council of Women's Organizations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. 1946-50. A gifted public speaker, she traveled all over the country speaking in churches during her term. She was one of six delegates and the only woman representing that denomination at the founding General Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948, and she traveled behind the Iron Curtain afterward visiting churches and church women's groups in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Her son is confident that if the route to ordination had been open to women in her generation, she could have had an outstanding career as a pastor.

John Jr., who provided this wonderful information to us, said that his mother's mind remained vigorous and clear during her last years. She generally stayed close to Sunnyside but attended church many Sundays when the weather permitted. Each year she attended the annual Irvine family reunion in Fisherville, about 30 minutes away. When Governor Gilmore's Office of Aging sent her an invitation to a "birthday bash" in Richmond for all of Virginia's centenarians, she surprised her son and his wife by informing them that she wanted to attend. Go they did, and she was even able to visit the campus of UTS/PSCE to see the new library. John Jr. said she was on a high for a long time afterward, but he and his wife were exhausted when they returned home.

Gertrude was a remarkable woman for her generation. She will be missed by her family and friends.

1931

Kathryn Gallagher Spirito
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Mabel McGinniss Crismond and **Virginia** are faithful alumnae who deserve praise for their activity in many worthwhile organizations.

I hope each of you is a healthy and happy person at your age. I am now 92 and almost sightless, but I manage. I have written this with a flashlight and a magnifying glass. I still love to hear about the old school.

Love to each of you.

1933

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1938

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I heard from **Skippy Milstead Goodwin** in Atlanta. She sent news of family chiefly, of their travels and George's devotion to W&L after all these years of being class agent. Both are enjoying reasonably good health. Jessie is dealing as best she can with arthritis.

Mary Jack Clary Brooks wrote of her travels and her family. She mentioned visiting Branson, Mo., and taking in several shows in the course of one of her trips. She also had a nice visit with former roommate, **Alice Rife Wilson**, a phone call from **Jean Hankins Plant** and a card from **Selma Piland Johnson** '37, who is still in the Washington, D.C., area.

It seems incredible that we are 84-85ish. I well remember that at 19 anyone over 50 seemed ancient. The Voris family has stabilized at 15 for the time being. There are no great-grandchildren yet. I wonder about the future of our grandchildren as well as the rest of mankind, and suppose I am glad that I live at the time I do. The communications network is moving too rapidly for me, though I enjoy scanning the Net occasionally, shopping at some of the sites, reading various newspapers and keeping up with e-mail.

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From **Lois Loehr Brown**:

Family News: There were ups, downs and all-arounds. Daughter Jaci Brown, in Castro Valley, Calif., was diagnosed with breast cancer in January; had a double mastectomy in February; made a somewhat primitive barge trip in France in April but had a luxurious stay in Switzerland. She then returned to school/work, elementary grades, reading specialist.

Son Jan Brown and Vi with dog Einstein are still in McLean, Va. All their children are in some form of film or theater in Southern California. That includes Carl, who is sort of freelancing; Christine, who is a senior in the Film School at U.S.C. and spent last summer on a team that made films near Lake Tahoe and in Morocco, camels and all; and Holden, who is at Chapman U/MGM Film School.

As for me, I am tutoring English most mornings except Fridays. That's the day I spend as a chaplain at Inova Fairfax Hospital. Two reading groups, a financial group (no $s involved), and a film group keep me on my toes. I still have space for church work and socializing. And I feel really great — no grumbles here.

A thought to remember: Find something to laugh at every day; it can make for better health.

From **Arabelle Laws Arrington**:

Jo Ewing Balzer is in an assisted living facility and would enjoy hearing from MWC classmates. Please write to her at Oaks Village, 1248 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073.

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1945

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The year 2001 was the year that changed the world. The terrorists' attack was a terrible shock. It reminds our generation of 12/7/41 when we were freshmen at Mary Washington. Do you remember where you were when Pearl Harbor was attacked? I was attending vespers in Monroe Hall, and I felt scared and very far from my family and home. The up side of our recent attack is the surge of patriotism that we see each day.

Betty Lou Shaver, who was a one-year student, lives in the farmhouse in which she was born near Centreville, Va. Following 39 years of service, she retired from the Federal Aviation Agency. Reading our class news in *MWC Today* inspired her to get in touch with us.

Gloria Post Goodsell had a busy Christmas season entertaining her reading club for tea as well as her church guild for lunch. She and Rog were planning to attend a mini-re-

union in Florida during January. Their travels in 2001 included a reunion of Rog's parachute division in Bismarck, N.D., and a fabulous cruise to Alaska, which was upgraded to elegant accommodations by someone unknown. Quite a nice surprise!

Anne Dawideit Dickinson and Duval began their holiday celebrations by meeting **Bets Roberts Johnson** and **Lois "Buzy" French Lockhart** and their husbands in Orange, Va., for lunch. They do this several times a year and would like to include their other 1945 MWCers who live in that area. The ties of friendship are long-lasting and cherished.

Liz Goffigon Johns wrote, "No travel, no news!" Her husband's army reunion was canceled. However, they hope the remaining members of the division will resume their reunions next year. In the meantime, Liz and Lawrence confine their trips to cruises departing from Norfolk or Newport News due to Lawrence's health problems.

Grace Bailey Lindner continues to volunteer her services as a docent at Wilton in Richmond. Conducting tours at this beautiful old home is so interesting, Carl decided to do it as well. During the Holy Season, 56 beautiful dollhouses were on display at Wilton. Sons, Max and Hut, live near Smithfield, so Grace and Carl see them and their families frequently.

Chris Brauer Krausse and Spott are proud of their first great-grandchild, Luke Brauer Krausse. In January, Chris and Spott joined her sisters for a week of "fun in the sun" in Florida.

Lillian King Everett had health problems in 2001, but she always bounces back and maintains a schedule of activities that make her life interesting and enjoyable. Surgery for knee replacement and recuperation at a rehabilitation center was scheduled for December. Earlier in the year, a fractured pelvic bone was the result of a fall in the bathtub. In spite of those setbacks, Lillian entertained and traveled a lot with family, friends and her church group. The highlight of her travels was a memorable two weeks spent in England, Ireland, Scotland and Paris. With Lillian's positive outlook, optimism, and support of family and friends, she stays busy and enjoys life.

Betsy Shamburger Eggleston and Dick continue their travel schedule. They prefer cruising on small ships. On one, they boarded the ship in Quebec and sailed on Lake Ontario for two weeks. As I am writing, they are sailing from Belize to see the Coral Reefs. Every summer they spend a week at Pawley's Island, S.C., and would like to know if any of our classmates live in that area. Betsy and Dick's granddaughter was married in October, and that brought many family members together. Betsy wrote that **Trudy Kramer Larsen** moved from North Carolina to Texas. Her husband's illness and later successful carotid artery surgery prompted the need to be close to her children and grandchildren. Although they miss dear friends in North Carolina, the transition to an apartment complex in Dallas near family has been easy and begins a new chapter in their lives.

Louise Lilly Barrett's husband, Harry, is doing very well following another heart catheterization and a pacemaker replacement. Their children, spouses and grandchildren, 17 in number, all joined them during the holidays.

I always look forward to **Nancy Aitcheson Taylor** and Bill's annual Christmas letter relating the many, varied, and interesting activities of their children and grandchildren. They experienced ups and downs during 2001. In February, Bill fell and broke his arm, then he was hospitalized from June to August for GI and breathing problems. Recuperation is now progressing at home with Nancy and a male nurse from Sierra Leone providing nursing care and TLC. The love and support of their family as well as family outings and visits brightened the year for them. During a visit in Alexandria, I had a phone conversation with Aitcheson, who happened to be visiting her MWC roommate, **Doris Lanham Einbinder**. I also enjoyed a phone visit with Lanham. We wish for Bill better health in 2002.

Jean Hudson Inskeep wrote that Russell's health has improved significantly. There are still difficulties with walking and standing, but his attitude is good, and this makes it easier for him and Jean to cope with his physical problems. Jean talks to **Dot Arrington Trivett** frequently. Since Dot's town, Grundy, is in a flood area, she and her husband were planning to move. However, now the river is to be rerouted, so they can remain in their present location.

A long, interesting letter from **June Ellen Minnerly Borden**, who lives in Ocala, Fla., brought news that briefly summarized her life since graduation as well as remembrances of the years at MWC. In 1945, she moved to Florida with her parents. She married Leon Borden, who was in the Naval Air Corps. June Ellen recalls Mrs. Bushnell's cultural presentations in Seacobeck dining hall; her instructors, Drs. Cook and Drake; MWC's Student Government (she was a member); as well as the Honor Council, June Ellen being the only student member. She and Leon have seven children and 14 grandchildren, all of whom get together every summer and at Christmas-time in the Adirondacks of New York. Most of the family members are musical, and they enjoy performing together and separately in churches, nursing homes, etc. June Ellen and Leon had planned to retire in Virginia since she loves our state and would be close to three of their children who live in Maryland. However, her arthritis changed their plans and they are happily settled in a small retirement community in Florida. She loved Mary Washington and felt privileged to be a member of the student body.

Elinor McClellan Cox DeCamp escapes the harsh winter weather by going to Phoenix, Ariz. She and John returned to Indiana to celebrate Christmas with their children and grandchildren. They entertain family and friends at both homes.

Skip Potts Taylor and Wally canceled a scheduled cruise of the Rhine River following the 9/11 attack. The shock and uneasiness of all Americans made travel, especially abroad, less interesting. They have a busy and enjoyable schedule with friends at their retirement community in Kennett Square, Pa. Their daughters, Barb and Nancy, and their families were together during the holidays.

Somehow, it seems the older we get, the less time we have and the years fly by. Surely, 2001 passed in a hurry. Life has not changed much for Jack and me. We have the usual ailments for our age, but we are thankful for each day and what it brings. Our days are full. We enjoy hearing from friends. It is wonderful to receive your cards and notes that in turn renew fond memories and friendships. Thanks to all who wrote. Keep the news of the Class of '45 coming.

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Year's end brought news of many classmates. A sorrowful phone call from Tom Bond, husband of our beloved classmate, **Nan Cook Ferebee Bond**, whom those of us present remember as being so excited when her husband and family surprised her by planning her unexpected trip, including motel reservations, to our 50th reunion. Though she was radiant in her joy at being with us, her health was not good and, sadly, she died in November last year. To add to the grief of her husband and daughter, the only son and brother was killed in an automobile accident just three months earlier. Nan Cook's lengthy, debilitating illness was caused by a food and medicine intolerance as a result of cobalt treatments many years ago. We shall remember her smiling presence at our reunion and all the happy years we shared. Heartfelt condolences are extended to her Tommy and family in their double loss.

Sad news also came from **Betty Purnell Logan**, whose husband had surgery for colon cancer followed by a mild stroke last year. However, she added, the worst blow was that they lost their only son, Ward, at age 43 to a massive heart attack. We also extend our sympathy to Betty and Bill and their four girls in their grief, hoping they can comfort each other in the years to come.

Andi Dulany Lyons had her own bad news last year. In September, her son Scott's wife Missy lost her mother to cancer. Missy's mother, Dee Farmer, had been one of the nurses at MWC's infirmary over many years, and her daughter, Missy's sister, **Paige Farmer Jordan** '86, graduated from MWC. Four days after Dee's death, following many years of successive health problems, Andi's husband, Keith, died of kidney failure at the hospital in his beloved Manassas. Andi related that Keith didn't like to travel "because he couldn't go to sleep unless he could see the Manassas water tank." Through his hospital window, he could still see it when he slipped peacefully into his last long sleep. Andi was with him when he died, and her whole extended family was with her when he was buried, still in sight of the water tower. As Keith was several years older than Andi, she'd hoped they might share at least five years together after their marriage in 1989. They were privileged to observe their 12th anniversary; so, as Andi said, hopes and prayers sometimes are fulfilled. Andi's family gathered for Thanksgiving and, once again, they all celebrated the holidays and helped fill the void.

Andi had a nice visit with **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** in October when Andi was in Lexington visiting her oldest son, Clay, and his family in their new home. B.B. keeps busy with her music and her grandchildren. B.B. still finds her home too quiet without the dynamic presence of her husband, Lee.

"Chot" Baylis Rexon and Fred hosted the Forever Friends foursome at their beach home in Ocean City, N.J., last year. Chot said how greatly Lee was missed, but that Betty Bond rose to the occasion, and that it was so wonderful to have **Jane Yeatman Spangler** and Bob and **Dotty Booker Pinkham** and Dave all together again in the continuity of 56 years, since our freshman year. Jane and Bob spent the night at Betty Bond's en route back to Concord, N.C., from Washington at Thanksgiving, and planned to overnight with her again on New Year's Day when returning from their children's homes in D.C. and Pennsylvania. Jane and Bob were to head for an Elderhostel in New Orleans in January, then on to Florida. They'd visited Dotty and Dave in Vermont in November and planned another Fearsome Foursome reunion this spring.

News from **Barbara Watson Barden** was happy and hopeful. Their growing family convened at their cabin in New Hampshire last August and, while their visit often is chaotic with children and grandchildren coming and going, Barbara and Bob still find it fun and a welcome change from rehearsals and shows back in Lancaster. Last winter, their oldest son, Jeff, treated them to a trip to a sunny place with him, his wife and daughter. Barbara noted that she and Bob both seem to have some arthritis but swing dancing doesn't bother them at all. That's our Barbara!

Roland Westbrook, **Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook**'s widower, never fails to remember her closest classmates with a Christmas note. Their four daughters still are as busy as bees, excelling at their respective jobs which often include interesting trips abroad and in the U.S.A. Dawn was guest speaker at her high school's senior convocation, where she was presented the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award. She also completed the 300 D.C. AIDS bike ride.

Jackie McConnell Scarborough was doing well the last time we talked in recovering from her awful accident and ordeal in Italy in October 2000.

Ann Michael Sturgeon and Fish are doing well, "except for short memories and creaky joints." **Elva Tate Hasher** said she didn't have anything earth-shaking to report. **Joan Rekemeyer Kibbe** noted that fateful day of the terrorists' attack was the date she went to the hospital in Winston-Salem, where she remained for a month.

Normalcy is an unknown state for **Blackie Horn Nygood**! Howard's and her annual Christmas card, produced and illustrated by an artistic Blackie, featured their prized bassets and dachshunds in "The Nutcracker" ballet. Blackie spent four pre-Christmas days in Florida at AKC meetings.

From Houston, **Kate Mayo Schmidt** and Bill were in Albuquerque for Christmas with their son, Bill Jr., and his wife. They were anticipating a trip to Scandinavia and Russia in July.

Bristol, Va./Tenn., is home for four of our classmates from whom we hear on an annual basis, two of whom are faithful correspondents. **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton** wrote of visiting two of her four sons during Thanksgiving and looking forward to seeing all 18 of her extended family for the Christmas holidays.

Marion Selfe Kelly wrote, "The year has been a mixed bag for the Kellys, some good, some bad, but on balance okay." She and George went to Barcelona and Majorca in January for a nice getaway from winter. In April, their daughter, Ann, was diagnosed with breast cancer but after treatment is doing fine now. The Kellys took an Elderhostel trip to New York City to study its history, luckily before the loss of the Twin Towers. In July, they returned to the U. of Quebec for another three-week French study, then were joined by Ann and her family for a visit to Quebec City. A week after their return, Wendy was "zipping through the house too fast, took a hard fall, and broke my shoulder." She finished PT, was to continue exercising at home until she had full range of motion, and she should be completely recovered by now.

Our roving reporter in Bristol, **Lucy Vance Gilmer**, passed along news of other classmates. We had asked for word of **Mary Ann Godsey Little**, our fourth Bristol resident, and dear Lucy complied with an update. Mary Ann's two sons both reside in the Bristol area. Mary Ann's daughter and her family live in an historic area along Brandywine Creek in Coatesville, Pa., near Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del. Mary Ann is very active in her church and has enjoyed traveling widely in our country as well as in Europe.

Lucy also shared news from **Barbara Trimm Wright** in South Hill. Barbara wrote that settling the estate of their sister, Marguerite, kept her and her sister, Gladys, busy last year, but they are becoming active again in Eastern Star, church, and senior adults ministry. They enjoyed a trip with their senior church group to Amish Country in July and a luncheon cruise on the *Spirit of Norfolk* in June. Barbara is yet another classmate who underwent cataract surgery last year. Her vision is much improved as a result.

Conni Conley Stuart and Bonar are among our recent e-mail devotees. A computer was their surprise 50th anniversary gift from their sons, Curtis and Tony, last April. Conni tried a college class in Toronto to learn the intricacies of the "new-fangled machine," but said she couldn't see the screen at the front of the room or keep up with the fast pace of the instruction, adding, "I guess my college days are over!"

Of course, Conni's skills as an actress keep her very busy. Last fall, she did an exciting new play called "Habitat," a CanStage world premiere. She did "The Glow," a Movie-of-the-Week, for Fox last year that should pop up sometime soon on our TVs. It stars Hal Linden, Joseph Camanello and Dina Merrill, but we won't detail the plot or you might rue the reading. Clue: it has to do with a method of obtaining eternal youth, by Dracula-like methods. Watch for it and see our Conni go — and glow!

Conni and Bonar flew to Atlanta for a five-day suite-reunion over New Year's hosted by **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and Bill at their spacious East Point home. They were joined by **Primm Turner ffrench** and John, who drove from Stockbridge, Mass., and **Betsy Thorne Bultman** '50, and husband Phelps, who drove from Columbia, S.C., to complete the happy group. Bill took pictures with his versatile digital camera, even re-creating one special pose from MWC days. Conni reported they spent practically the whole time just talking and visiting, even during a power outage. They ended the old year with a festive gourmet dinner and welcomed 2002 with champagne toasts. Norah mentioned having seen **Helen Hopkins Timberlake** '50 in Florida and Atlanta. The next suite-reunion is planned in New Hampshire this September.

Conni did a voice-over for two episodes of a new animated series of *The Berenstain Bears*, in which she portrays Gran Bear. With a total of 40 episodes to be made, Conni should be busy for months, especially if the musical version of "Peggy Sue Got Married" is mounted in Toronto this spring, in which she would have the role she prepared earlier.

And finally, **June Davis McCormick** was anxious to see the end of last year, as it was far from her best. In mid-May, she was surprised by a heart attack and was rushed to the ER. After using the summer for recovery, she later was diagnosed with breast cancer. Three successive biopsy-surgeries extended into the new year and, as she awaits the latest pathology, will probably need six weeks of radiation.

As ever, love 'n' high hopes to y'all from boffus.

1951

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A very good friend of the Morris family passed away last fall. **Sarah Herring Estes**' husband, Jimmy, had been sick off and on for awhile. Sarah and I roomed together for our four years at MWC. We started dating our town boys in our junior year. Our experiences together will never be forgotten. What good times we had! Jimmy, we sure will miss you.

I received a note in late June from **Carolyn Bowers Atwell** reminding me that I neglected to mention in the last issue that **Anne Ruggles Curfman**, **Marge Southcott Graham** and husbands also attended the Williamsburg trip with the rest of their gang.

A letter from **Marie Rhodes Cappiello** in November stated that **Cecil Scott Offutt** and her husband, Buddy, were very much in attendance at our 50th reunion. Marie also mentioned that Cecil and Buddy's granddaughter, **Sara Offutt**, was a happy-as-a-clam freshman and a good student too, at MWC last fall!

Mary Louise Kirkendall Feeney '46 and her husband, Paul, attended the reunion and met with a few friends and her daughter, **Beth Feeney Giacoma** '76. Marylou spent time with **Mary Jane Bassett Currier** '50 at Vero Beach, Fla., and had a great visit with **Connie Kontopanos Cole** in Richmond, Va., last summer. Also spent time visiting daughters and attending Paul's army reunion.

Okay, Golden Girls, please make sure you continue to write and keep me informed about all the news.

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From Barbara:

"The Ice Princess" is **Kitty Garland Obenshain**'s latest opera written for children. It was recently performed at Radford U., where Kitty is professor emeritus of music. This is Kitty's third children's opera. The first two were "The Cat Who Walked By Himself," based on the Kipling story; and "Hekahte's Helper," an original story concerning drug abuse. The message of "The Ice Princess" is that it's worth risking pain and hurt to feel love. Previous to the operas, Kitty wrote dozens of musical plays for children. Since Kitty isn't busy enough in her role as "composer-in-residence" at RU, she is also working on the reunion booklet for our 50th next year. She hopes that we all will answer the questionnaire and contribute more information so there will be a good representation of everyone in our class. Kitty sends us a teaser with the news that she has enlisted **Ginny Poole Kinniburgh** and **Pat Saunders** "to do some very special features."

Nancy Newhall Hulburt is happily ensconced in her new Cape Cod home. She and husband Harry attend jazz band concerts that perform year-round and love their rose garden that overlooks their cove on the ocean.

Charlotte Benz Villalobos says the orange grove is producing wonderfully juicy fruit this year, thanks to their generous rains. She and daughter Patty and family exchange visits every few months.

Congratulations to **Ruth Williams Taylor** for being the first woman to be elected president of the board of directors of the Medical College of Virginia Foundation!

Hal and I enjoyed a trip to Europe, a later one to Wales for two weeks and the latest to Alaska.

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Joan Darden gets first place for the quickest response to my letter. She was 10 miles from the

Pentagon on 9/11 playing in a state golf tournament. Since the roads were closed they kept playing but with half a heart. She missed our reunion because of a major golf tournament. Her involvement with the Women's Eastern Golf Association has been scaled back to only being on the board. Her other activities involve bowling (duck pins), duplicate bridge and coed pool when it is too chilly for golf.

Eileen Cella Manze came in a close second with news of an upcoming visit with **Eileen West Grenfell** for turkey day. **Carole Kolton Bryson** celebrated her mother's 100th birthday in Richmond last year with all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending.

Dottie Booth Sanders' new grandson, Brennan Craig, was born in March 2001. Dottie's mother, at age 94, was able to join Dewey and Dottie on trips to Georgia, New York and Wisconsin. They sent a wonderful picture of the family taken just four weeks before she passed away in November. Dewey runs marathons, three last year. Vero Beach, Fla., is home now for **Coralyn White McGeehan**, but she still misses Northern Virginia.

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher's so-called gardening project of building a bulkhead with 60-pound bags of cement did in a knee. She had to have arthroscopy. She also welcomed Nicole Elizabeth, the sixth granddaughter in eight grandbabies. She toured North Carolina's gardens and antique shops for 10 days by car while Skip was off touring Ireland. **Minnie Rainey Mayberry** is glad that daughter Brooks is back from Dallas, Texas, and is in Northern Virginia again.

The Tampa Bay area has **Polly Stoddard Heim**'s husband busy with Habitat for Humanity and as an AARP tax aide. Last year they bought a small house in McCall, Idaho, where they will spend the summers. Visits from their California and Seattle kids make this an ideal location. Polly said she's going to keep her eye out for **Eleanor Pollock** rafting on the Salmon River.

Polly Hamilton Burn, Jean Peyton Brennan and **Jane Howard Goodall** get together each year. Polly, in California, has three children, six grandchildren and is retired from nursing. **Chris Harper Hovis** had a family celebration at Disneyland. Daughter Robin's 4-year-old son is named Harper and has spiked hair. Best news of all is that Neil is now cancer-free.

Betty Davis Barnes lives in Bethlehem, Pa., and taught first grade for 26 years. She has a son in Morgan Hill, Calif., and a daughter in Jackson, Wyo. She is still involved in the fiber world, spinning, weaving and knitting. Check out her lovely designs at www.lizbee.com. Remember knitting socks freshman year?

After her husband, Tom, died in 1992, **Sue Bedell Albee** went to Cape Cod, where they had a summer home, and built a house. The peace of retirement was shattered by the onset of her only daughter's cancer. Sue went to Vermont to be with her in 1997 until her death in 1998. She is very close with Anne's husband and two children and sees them often. Her three sons are all married, and she has a total of six grandchildren. Tom's USNA class activities are still part of her life, and she is active with their New Jersey high-school alumni.

Ann Strickler Doumas and Bill are living at the foot of MWC and walk to campus for concerts and lectures. They are active in the Fredericksburg Alumni Chapter and are fund raisers for the new Alumni Executive Center. **Nancy Shope Armbruster** and Joe flew to Mexico City and then to Cuernavaca to study Spanish language and culture at an Elderhostel. Studying Spanish is a hobby they both enjoy.

Joan Membert Shropshire and husband took a two-week birding cruise in Chile. They are both retired, have eight grands and travel a lot with Elderhostels and Friendship Force. Joan teaches English as a Second Language for the Madison Friends to Foreign Students. They were in Prague on 9/11. They found the Internet was a great connector and comfort.

Paula Brzostowski, the youngest child of **Jackie Jeanne Phillips Brzostowski**, notified me that Jackie died of lung cancer and emphysema in February 2001. If any of you would like to get in touch with Paula, get in touch with me for her address. She would love to hear from her mother's college friends.

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Barbara West Morton Williamson has been living in Evanston, Ill., for the last 20 years. Barbara and her daughter, Amy, teach English and Spanish in the Chicago public schools. Last July she went to Chiapas, Mexico, with 10 others as part of a Christian Peacemakers team to support Tzotzil Indians displaced by paramilitary attacks and to learn more about the effect of NAFTA on the indigenous people. She is active in her local Friends meeting.

Betty Rhodes O'Donnell has lived in Mystic, Conn., for almost 25 years. She mentioned the irony of her and me switching states. She spoke in a sentimental way of the Hanover and sweet blackberries of Virginia and then made me a little homesick when she spoke of sailboats on sparkling blue New England waters. Betty's sister, **Marie Rhodes Cappiello** '51, attended her 50th reunion last year. Betty is still in touch with **Gwen Beebe Knight**, who lives in Hingham, Mass., and **Rena Destefanis Hines**, who transferred to Hofstra. Rena lives on the Cape in Falmouth, Mass. She travels and has three grandchildren.

Bruce Ritchie Spain visits **Janie Watson Rawlings** each year in Florida. Janie has grandchildren in France and hops back and forth a lot. She lives in Hobe Sound, Fla., in the winter and in Philadelphia the rest of the year. Janie keeps in contact with **Sally Strawhand Westphalen** in Vermont. Bruce sent the sad news that **Betty Ann "Nolie" Nolan Tansill** died in July after many years of suffering with arthritis. Bruce is a widow now. Her twins have three children each and live in Roanoke and Florida.

Ann Jones Belsha had a fourth grandchild in February 2001. Her daughter's church minister is Bruce Richie Spain's son! According to Ann, he is an excellent speaker and Bible teacher. Her other daughters live nearby, and they get to see each other often. Ann and eight friends had a grand trip in May 2001 to St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm. They all enjoyed the beautiful countries and the charming people. They have also traveled to Texas, Kentucky, New York, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Quebec with Elderhostels. They always learned a lot and met interesting people.

My big news is that our son, who has lived in Tennessee for years, has moved to Richmond. I can't tell you how good it is to have him so close by. He and his wife are expecting their first baby after 10 years of marriage. It will be good to have a little grandchild within baby-sitting distance. Charlie and I took a trip to Eastern Europe with four other couples last summer. It was good fun but sobering to know how conditions are over there now and what they experienced during WWII. This summer we will be taking our granddaughter to Spain as a high-school graduation gift. She has had five years of Spanish in school.

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Irene Piscopo Rodgers has contributed much of her time and energy over the years for the Maltese Charities. During her last visit, she was recognized by the president of Malta in a ceremony at the palace. Irene and Don spent a month late last year in Barcelona and took a cruise on the Rotterdam to Morocco, Canary Islands, etc. They visited many museums and even rode a camel! Irene also visited with **Nancy Moutrastelle Curnutte** and says she hasn't changed a bit from our college days.

Carmen Culpeper Chappell and John took a 14-day sailing cruise from Lisbon to London. They stayed a week in London, which was a blast. Carmen said it was also a gastronomic feast! Their new French Country house places them about five minutes from son Eric and Dara. Jennifer, their daughter, and Doug and granddaughters have moved back from the Raleigh-Durham area near them also. John sold one of his businesses around the first of the year, which reduced a lot of his traveling. Now it is all leisure with Carmen and their friends. They have already planned a trip to Athens for next year. You know from our last issue that Carmen and John are outstanding benefactors at MWC.

Cecile Duncan Folan took a fabulous cruise in January, but then events turned sad in March when she lost her dad from inoperable cancer. Her mother died from heart failure the following month. Our condolences, Cecile. On top of that, her son, Bill, was involved in a jet-ski accident in which he almost drowned. He was rescued and is recovering nicely from a knee injury sustained during the accident. Goodness, Cile, we wish all good things for you this year. Cile worked at the Governor's Academy for Gifted Spanish Students in Staunton during July, which she very much enjoyed. She also visited her two sons in Atlanta. In August she vacationed at the beach with her bridge club. The family tradition is to take a trip together in September. So, the boys play golf and the girls get into mischief!

Judy Pyrke Orrell '58 lives in Virginia Beach, where her husband has a veterinary hospital. Her children are all grown. **Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn** was on her way to Florida for her grandchild's first birthday when I received her Christmas card. She continues to substitute at Manchester and Monacan High Schools in Chesterfield County, and she does some tutoring. Burt plans to retire this summer, at which time they will move to Florida. Her mother is considering going with them.

Catherine "Kitten" Swaffin Howard's daughter, Sally's, husband Rick made partner in Accenture Co. They spent the Christmas holidays with Sally in New York. Kitten's husband, John, continues as President Bush's director of environment in Texas. They have seven grandchildren all under the age of 11.

Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman and Alan were motivated by 9/11 to revisit past childhood friends in Georgia and Maryland during the year. Pug says she is very aware of how time moves on and nothing stays the same. Much to their delight, all five grandchildren live in Birmingham. They had a relaxing Thanksgiving in Vero Beach and were all together for Christmas. Alan led his golf team to 12th place in the NCGA this spring! Tammy is still a professor at Ole Miss.

Gloria Winslow Borden planned to retire this June from teaching English. She visited her California children for Easter and Thanksgiving 2001. Cliff and family are in Monterey, where

they work for the Charter School. Mother's Day was spent with Cynthia and Bob. Cynthia is working on her master's at Baylor U. Gloria's great adventure in 2001 was a six-week summer session of the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College at the U. of Alaska in Juneau. The campus is located on Auke Lake with a view of the Mendanhall Glacier. She took a helicopter ride across ice fields, walked on a glacier, took a seaplane ride to a remote location for a salmon bake, watched a school of humpback whales and got up close and personal with 13 black bears.

Julia Coates Littlefield and Mo love retirement. They keep active with church and volunteer work, and they have two adorable grandsons. Scott completed his MBA at William and Mary in May, and in June he and Susan had their first child. Mo's number one project last year was an 8-by-16 storage shed. I am pleased to inform you that its completion in October has been celebrated. In July, Julia and Mo went from Maine to Nova Scotia and St. John's, Newfoundland. They stayed five days in a B&B, took a boat tour of the puffins, and a rental car trip to St. Vincent's Bay. They, too, saw humpback whales, and they ended their trip at a B&B in New Brunswick with stops in Halifax and Belfast.

Mary Massey and husband Jack Meiners had a fun year going to Barbados for Elderhostel hiking for a week; to Naples and Sorrento, where they saw rugged mountains and gorgeous scenery, for two weeks of hiking; to Washington state for a Meiners family reunion; and a week of hiking workshops and excursions at the Appalachian Trail Conference in Pennsylvania. Jack had total knee replacement surgery but is doing very well. On 9/11 their daughter-in-law was working at the Pentagon and saw the plane approach from an inner-corridor window opposite where it hit. She was thrown across the room, not injured, but, of course, her shock was unbelievable.

Patricia Gray Proulx's son, Gray, married Gina in June 2001. **Anita Haeberlin**, **Marianne Carrano Raphaely**, **Dee Albright** '60 and **Audrey Wright** attended the wedding. Pat and Dan in turn visited Marianne and Russ in August. They also took a wonderful trip to England, Scotland and Ireland in September and were very impressed with the outpouring for Americans everywhere they went.

Last fall Marianne and Russ were in Australia, where Russ spoke at the World Conference of Intensive Care in Sydney. They saw the "Magic Flute" at the opera and then went north to the rain forest, the Great Barrier Reef, the interior of the dessert, Ayers Rock, Kangeroo Island and then four days in New Zealand. They've also been to Chicago, New Hampshire, Virginia Beach, San Diego and, to top it all, the Bush inauguration! And she has the pictures with Colin Powell to prove it. During the year they also visited with Carmen and John Chappel. In December they went to an AMA convention in San Francisco. Marianne was expecting all her children for Christmas. She continues to serve on many and various boards. This year she was appointed to the Rock School Board (ballet school for the Pennsylvania ballet). She will chair its major fund raiser. She also chairs the 50th year celebration for the Coriell Institute, a research institute, in New Jersey. She does have a new role, however, as a wedding consultant.

In April 2001 **Sally Warwick Rayburn** and Jim moved to a new house. Last year, they took their annual trip to Hawaii, plus Southern California and Palm Springs. In July they were off to Norway — saw polar bears, ice packs, whales, walrus, etc. Sally's cryptic words: "Very cold." Son Steve, Cindy and Stephany all participated in the "Nutcracker" production by the Greensboro Ballet. Stephany is 13 and extremely dedicated to dancing. Their other children and grandchildren are thriving.

Phyllis Hartleb Rowley wrote that Jay and Kris moved to Florida, where Jay works with Jim at Smith-Barney as a financial consultant. David and Darlene were expecting a daughter in March. Phyll and Jim enjoy golfing, boating, beaching and gardening. Phyll plays tennis and does her usual social and charity work. She was an official at the first LPGA Championship at the Trump International Golf Club. Last year they also traveled to San Francisco, Ohio and Canada.

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas continues to teach first grade in Astoria. Her school will have temporary quarters until 2003, when they move to a new building. Ann said she packed 45 boxes. Her temporary quarters are three blocks from the 59th Street bridge in Queensboro, where they could see the result of 9/11 from her classroom windows. Several children lost family members. Ann said police were in the subways, at the bridges and throughout the City. Spiros keeps busy translating papers or acting as a court interpreter. Greg is working as a paramedic in Plainfield, N.J. Anastasia is at Pearson Learning Co. Jeremy's department was eliminated, so he is job hunting.

Marcia Phipps Ireland loves retirement. Gary still works. Kids and grandkids are great. **Geraldine Jenks Winston** is well. **Priscilla Brown Wardlaw** stays busy. Chris is teaching in Tokyo and Rob is in NYC. All is well with **Nancy Brewer McCarthy**.

Barbara Barndt Miller's daughter Ann continues her nursing career and is still single and traveling. When she visits, she brings her two Jack Russells, Bubba and Bert. The Millers have six grandchildren — all Jack Russells! They had another very successful horse show year. Ralph was awarded the Best Handler Award for 2001 and two of Barbara's horses won a number of awards. The show season ended in November, but they were kept busy with fox hunting season, which began in September. Ralph doesn't like the word "retire" and has promised that he will do more judging in 2002. Barbara, in her spare time, gardens and has started another sideline — photography.

Eleanor Markham Old is Pennsylvania state historian for DAR. She works part time in the travel industry. Arthur enjoys retirement, though he still is a flying instructor, computer consultant and substitute teacher.

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle's Tom Jr. and Jennifer had their second child, Owen, in May. He joins big sister, Emma Kate. Tiffany and Rick's Cynthia is 11 and taller than Audrey. Audrey and Tom managed to get away to Las Vegas, Phoenix, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco. Jennifer moved from Atlanta back to California with her two cats and two parrots, and she's living with Audrey's mom temporarily.

Barbara Gordon McNamee has a new job managing the computer system for a private school (pre K-7) in Williamsburg. She has a superior staff, and the administration is wonderful. Bob also has a new job as head coach for the William & Mary diving team. He shares an office with Barbara, since she still coaches the synchronized swimming team. Bob continues teaching at MCV Dental School. Last year the entire family, with the exception of Danny and dog Trevor, made it to the beach for two weeks.

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When I put out the call in January for news, it came pouring in. From Alabama, Doug and **Dee Doran Cairns** wrote that son Rob, a U.S. Army major, is in Afghanistan doing "just what he has been preparing for." Dee is still teaching sixth grade and enjoying their grandchildren — both those nearby in Montgomery and those in Ft. Campbell Ky., where many of our troops in Afghanistan were based. Andy and **Connie Booth Logothetis** continue to be the champion travelers. Their traveling was stateside for a while after 9/11, but they planned a safari in Kenya and Tanzania in Feb 2002. Connie has taken up birding, black-and-white photography, and aerobics these days to combat Andy's new love, golf, but they still play doubles tennis.

Peggy Howard Hodgkins is another stateside traveler — back and forth between Florida, where her Mom is; numerous timeshares, including New York for shopping and theater; and home to Maine, where her grandchildren call her "Memaw" and melt her heart. She is thrilled with a newly adopted granddaughter from Guatemala to add to her other five grandchildren.

Jim and **Lynne Wilson Rupert** did some European traveling in November but found Austria and Germany a little chilly for their California blood. They are planning a motor-home trip to the South in spring that will complete their motoring through the contiguous United States. They do like Temecula and enjoy having all their family in the area. Roomie **Carolyn Crum Pannu** may soon have both her kids out here on the sunny left coast. She is delighted that daughter Kara is considering relocating to California, joining Raj, who moved to Los Angeles last year.

Remember when **Betsy Ottley Taggart** used to accompany Carolyn's singing? Another longtime Westerner, Betsy wrote news from Wyoming of her four children and her wonderful trips last year — one to Rome and then four weeks in New Zealand in the fall. She walks daily, does yoga and still plays for the choir. Dave and **Sue Wilson Sproul** have settled into their new home in Colorado Springs and are enjoying retirement. They have joined many activities but especially enjoy the Colorado Archaeological Society, drawing classes, walkabouts in Arizona and Utah, visits to family in New Mexico and visits from Sue's 3-year-old horse-crazy granddaughter from Virginia.

Meanwhile back in Virginia, Jim and **Mary Dodson Larson** are enjoying retirement on their five-acre spread near Manassas, some traveling and flying with their ASA pilot daughter. The school where Mary taught for 38 years named the playground after her. Mary keeps in touch with **Joyce Gann Rush**, who still teaches in Campbell County. Joyce has three daughters and five grandchildren. Good news came from **Judy Saunders Slifer** in Maryland that hubby Bob came through his triple bypass surgery very well and is quietly recovering.

Al and **Judi Early Bidwick** still spend half the year in Maryland and the other half in Florida — always on or near the water and filled with activity. On their way to Florida, Al and Judi stopped in Charlottesville for a visit with **Kay Slaughter**. Kay, an attorney and former mayor of C'ville, is very involved with the planning and fund raising for a Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center with the theme, "The Trip West Began Here." It should be completed for the 2003 Bicentennial of the Expedition. Check out the Web site at www.lewisandclarkeast.org. **Polly Updegraff Champ** is another winter visitor to Florida and keeps busy when in Connecticut with social services and backstage theatre work. She was delighted to learn that the MWC scholarship she endowed was awarded to music and physics double major, **Kate Hamilton** from Connecticut.

Bette Marchant George has a busy practice in management consulting with an emphasis on diversity issues and leadership development. She and her husband are blessed with eight grand-

children, all living near them in the D.C. area. Bette has been waging an escalating battle with MS for the last few years and is forever grateful for her supportive husband and family. Our prayers are with her.

Freshman roomie **Pat Scott Peck** is in her 39th year of teaching in Florida — one to go. Her brother in D.C. is doing really well with his new prosthetics after his amputee surgery as a result of diabetes. **Brownie Marshal McElroy**'s daughter has a band, 1945, in Birmingham, Ala. **Katharine Nell Robinson May** is in Williamsburg, Va.

We all love our new MWC alumni Web site, but prior to that, **Ellen Grumbly deGail** contacted me through classmates.com. She is newly single and lives by the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Ellen has six grandchildren and a busy life traveling, swimming and volunteering at an elementary school. She has enjoyed several Annapolis area mini-reunions with **Nancy Wright Wright** and **Joan Gibson Lippold** over the last year. Nancy has retired from 25 years of counseling in Fairfax County Schools and loves sleeping late, playing with her granddaughters and taking trips like their cruise of Alaska.

Another mini-reunion with **Kay Gamble Reinehr**, **Judy LaRoe Hare**, **Noreen Galvin Dunn** and **Bobbie Brookes Nation** took place in NYC in November. Both Judy and Kay wrote enthusiastically of their get-together, hopes for more to come, and their somber trek to Ground Zero. Noreen lives in St. Croix and has a daughter at school in Connecticut. Bobbie still resides in London and has a daughter in Manhattan. Kay and husband Al are in Connecticut, and she enjoys her job as the business manager of the Mark Twain Library. One daughter lives nearby in Connecticut and her other daughter and USMC major husband and four grandchildren are in Hawaii. Travel trips to Hawaii and Italy have kept Kay happy. Judy is still an active athlete, skiing and playing tennis, but her real joy is her son's baby daughter. Thanks to her daughter's Delta passes, Judy manages to travel and is planning a trip to Cairo this year. Judy had a card from Bill and **Mary Jane Giles Stearns**, who live in Louisiana and were off to Dallas to visit their daughter for Christmas.

Janis Murphy Riefler and **Marilyn Messier Whitmore** tried to make the NYC mini-reunion too, but Janis and Monte were heading for their winter home in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and Bill and Mouse were unable to get away from California. Mouse and Bill still have their own business in Simi Valley, have a home in Las Vegas where they spend at least five days a month and have nine grandchildren from 17- to 2-years-old living within a mile of them.

Mouse also said that Dick and **Sybil Smith Lyon** live in Connecticut and have three sons and three grandchildren. Sybil is still working but expects to retire soon. Dave and **Peggy Hobart Mailler** '62 live in rural Virginia and have a son on Tybee Island, Ga., and a daughter who is moving to California.

Lynn McCarthy is always a good source for news. **Graham Walker Burns** has once again qualified for the top real estate sales Premier Club — that's five years in a row — and is celebrating husband Bud's return to work in Chattanooga after commuting to Atlanta for many years. **Marg Gilfoyle Powell** was in Spain over Reunion Weekend.

Wayne and **Becky Paris Spetz** have relished traveling their first full year of retirement. They visited their son in Baton Rouge, toured France and were in Nova Scotia on 9/11 and were somewhat delayed getting home. **Ann Elekes Nichol**'s husband, Jack, reminded Lynn that contributions to our annual MWC fund can be specified to the Elekes Art Award that Jack set up in memory of Ann. Lynn, when not collecting news from friends, still collects genealogy data and is planning her family reunion in June that will honor their "warrior" ancestors from the Revolutionary War through current active duty.

Clara Sue Durdan Ashley's husband writes the funniest Christmas letter. He reported their search of the East Coast for the perfect retirement spot with tales too funny to relate, and ended up back in Great Falls, Va., satisfied with Home Sweet Home. Lucky Clara Sue won two airline tickets on a radio show and flew to Seattle and Vancouver. Back in Virginia she organized her annual quilt show including a showing of Japanese Manhole Cover quilt designs which drew the attention of the Japanese Embassy. Bill and **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** had a wonderful 15-day trip to France boating down the Saône and the Rhone Rivers and visiting Paris and the French Riviera. Roomie **Barbara Steen Paulman** is reveling in her second grandchild. This one is in Chicago, closer to home. Her daughter and family are still in England. Barbara and Roger spent a month visiting the coast in Connecticut, Cape Cod and Vermont and camping in Canada and Prince Edward Island. When back in Illinois, they love puttering in their new garden with a pond.

We had a wonderful visit from Texan **Aggie Welsh Eyster**. She was Amtraking up and down California visiting friends and nieces and included a stop in Northridge in her itinerary. From pierced-stamped-acid-washed metal kitchen tiles, metal collages and fabric inspired designs, I was overwhelmingly impressed with her artwork. She gave me a brooch that I wear almost every day and never fail to receive a compliment.

Condolences go to the family of **Beth "Shay" Ahailer Lancraft**, who died of a heart attack last September. Beth didn't graduate, but attended MWC for several years.

Our winter visit to D.C. and a theater jaunt with daughter D'Arcy and friends Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Sandy and **Lynne Williams Neave** was curtailed when the original "Full Monty" National Tour was canceled mid-tour because of 9/11. Son Don and wife Carol are back in NYC auditioning for other work after deciding not to go on the new tour. Lloyd loves having sister **Cary Tilton Doyle** '60 back in Richmond. Cary's boys are in the area, so there are many family gatherings. The sisters spend a lot of time with their darling bridge-playing mother. Lynne and Sandy thoroughly enjoy their six grandkids, traveling to San Francisco and London to get their fill. Lynne says NYC is more inviting than ever — please come visit! Lynne and I chat often, even when she is wintering in Florida.

This is my 21st year at Cal State Northridge, now with 31,000 students, the third largest school in the largest university system in the United States. Thanks goodness the theater department is still small (200 majors) and comfortable, but with state budget cuts looming I'm nearing the desire to retire. Like Clara Sue and Clarence, Dick and I still search for the perfect spot and await a grandchild to settle near. We love our three granddogs and five grandcats, but, "is that all there is?"

1963

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For those of you who don't know, **Gloria Moskowitz Fischel**'s son-in-law was one of the survivors of the World Trade Center Towers. His remarkable story appeared in the *New York Times*. We are hopeful that no one else from our class was directly affected by the tragedy of 9/11.

Betsy Lydle Smith, Pete and their children are all fine, and they are still in the greater Seattle area. One daughter is married, and the other is finishing her teaching degree. Betsy actually tried going back to teaching after a 25-year hiatus but found it too exhausting. Betsy's favorite and most rewarding activity is facilitating workshops for The Virtues Project, a multifaith, multicultural program. In spring 2001, Betsy returned for some nostalgic time to Mission Beach in San Diego. While there, she stayed with **Judy Wolfe Allen** '62 in La Jolla and saw **Susan Rutan Joehnk**.

Christmas cards brought news from **Karen Vandeventer Chapman**, **Jeanne Chabot Wallis**, **Mary A. Settle Johnson** and **Linda Herrold Hansen**. Kurt Chapman has retired, but Karen is still working as a middle-school media specialist in Mystic, Conn. In July, they spent five days touring Holland on bicycles. Karen finally visited the town of Deventer, the origin of the family name. Karen's daughter, Kirsten, lives and works in San Francisco, and son Paul and his wife, Brandy, are in New Canaan, Conn. Jeanne and Tom Wallis have three grandchildren, two boys and a girl. You can bet that little girl is a treasure after four sons and two grandsons. Jeanne's oldest son, Tom and wife Monica are headed for Kingston, Jamaica, where he has his first posting with the Foreign Service. Mary and Bob Johnson spent the summer in a log cabin located in a North Carolina apple orchard. After many years of missionary work in Mexico, that was a rare treat. Now they are back in Florida, where Mary A. spends time on the Internet doing genealogy. Linda and Rick Hansen were on vacation in Mexico on 9/11 and were not able to get home as scheduled, which she said was a difficult time for them. Rick gave Linda a surprise for her major birthday with a weekend in Eureka Springs, Ark. Linda's boss and dear friend retired this year, so Linda has had to adjust to different circumstances at work and the loss of a great travel partner.

As for the Greens, we added another granddaughter with the arrival of Sarah Christine Rossi on Valentine's Day 2001. My family gave me a surprise 60th birthday party on Good Friday — six weeks before my actual birthday. All four of our kids and seven of the eight grandkids were there. Mark and my sister, **Connie Booth Logothetis** '61 totally surprised me by their presence. It was great! I spent most of the summer in Maine and California before returning to my wonderful job as a school librarian.

1965

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Anabel Williams Greenlee and husband John, who is vice chairman of neurology at the U. of Utah, will celebrate their 36th anniversary in August with a walking tour of Wales. They have three children: **Harriet Greenlee** '93, who teaches school in Minnesota; John, a 2000 graduate of Hamilton College and head volleyball coach at East Stroudsburg U.; and Margaret, a 1999 graduate of Willamette U., who is a biology technician with field studies all over the world.

Janice Reavis Seager has retired from Exxon-Mobil as corporate librarian. She and Ed still live in New Jersey. Son Ben and his wife are expecting their first child. Daughter Sarah is an attorney in D.C.

Flo Daniel Jamerson has joined husband Bill in retirement. They do a lot of traveling and enjoy their new granddaughter, Taylor, courtesy of daughter Beth, who lives in the Richmond area, as does their son, Ken. Flo also bakes for the Alumni Association cake program and has

been upholstering furniture for their second home on the Outer Banks.

Kathy Burke House, on sabbatical from a Frederick, Md., high school, is a fellow this year with the National Science Foundation. In 2001 she was mother-of-the-groom for both of her boys. Kathy's daughters are trading locations, one moving to Baltimore from Texas to work as a doctor and the other relocating from Pennsylvania to Texas.

1967

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Sheri Gates Brindle and husband Paul retired in spring 2001. They had been living on their boat, *Twelfth of Never*, for about two years in a marina in Portsmouth, Va. After exploring the bay for the summer, they went to Georgetown, Md., where they met one of Sheri's MWC roommates, **Genie MacClellan Hobson** '66, and her husband Don, for a weekend. In early October they started down the Intracoastal Waterway to their winter port at Madeira Beach, Fla. Sheri said that the trip was far more enjoyable than traveling I-95. They especially enjoyed the dolphins, which loved to surf their wake and would sometimes travel with them for up to a half hour at a time. They planned to stay at Madeira Beach until spring, occasionally taking short cruises in the area. Their oldest son, Chris, is an electronics engineer in Lowell, Mass., after being graduated summa cum laude from Virginia Tech in 1999. He has two boys. Sheri's younger son, Damon, is in Korea with the Air Force.

Mary Turner Boyd retired in early 2001 after 20 years with Charlotte-based Duke Energy. As director of federal governmental affairs, Mary commuted to Washington weekly, allowing her to reconnect with D.C. area MWC friends. She continues to work for Duke on a consulting basis. Son Brendan earned his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry and is a senior research scientist at Eastman Chemical. Mary sent news of other MWC alumnae. **Lynne Guindon Heflin** and husband Rob have lived for many years in Winston-Salem. Always a basketball fan, Lynne continues to enjoy her duties in Wake Forest U.'s basketball office. Lynn keeps up with **Eleanor Frith Peters**, who lives in New York City with husband Mike, a West Point grad, who is retired from the U.S. Army and works for the Council on Foreign Relations. Eleanor maintains their contact with West Point by occasionally conducting tours.

Longtime D.C. area resident **Lynn Barnett** represents the country's 1,200 community colleges in her post as vice president of academic, student and community development at the American Association of Community Colleges. Work and travel with partners like Microsoft, the Ford Foundation and the National Science Foundation have taken her to far corners of the U.S., including above the Arctic Circle last year. Lynn became a grandmother to twin girls born in May 2001 to daughter Alison, who lives in Cincinnati. Son Brian is "still single and looking," according to Lynn.

Jane Ownby Wells divides her time between Richmond, Atlanta and Durham, where daughter Carrington and family live. Carrington's husband is the son of our classmate **Patty Green White**.

Virginia state senator **Linda "Toddy" Todd Puller** received a wonderful Valentine's Day present in 2001— grandson Benjamin was born February 14 to daughter Maggie, who lives in Williamsburg. In recent redistricting, Toddy now serves eastern Prince William County and portions of Fairfax County. Toddy's sister-in-law, **Martha Puller Downs**, lives in Alexandria and continues to be active in tennis and golf at the Army-Navy Country Club. At the wedding of **Susie Church Dillon**'s daughter, Lindsay, Toddy caught up with both Susie and **Caroline Moncure Taylor**, who lives and works in D.C.

In October 2001, **Catherine Wilson** visited Mary in Charlotte and participated in the "Race for the Cure" with fellow alums **Kathryn Fowler Bahnson** '66 and **Gloria Shelton Gibson** '69. Catherine and Gloria discovered they had lived on the same hall in Willard during their respective junior and freshman years while Catherine's roommate, **Betty Fitzhugh**, served as a freshman counselor. Catherine is manager of finance and administration at the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. She has been at NCFC in Washington, D.C., for 18 years, following several post-MWC positions on Capitol Hill. Last summer, Catherine visited **Debbie Erskine Lankford** and her husband, Paul, in Virginia Beach. Debbie teaches high-school English and has a pre-teen son, Alan.

1969

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From Betty:

Most of us would agree with **Patricia Brown Reedy** that the events of September 11, 2001, have caused us all to think about life differently. Patricia says she is "just getting used to a man with an M16 walking in front of the gate" when she goes to work at Dahlgren. Patricia's older daughter, **Robin Reedy** '01, graduated from MWC with a B.A. in history. Daughter **Melissa** is still at MWC. In 2001 Patricia, John and their daughters enjoyed a Canadian vacation.

Sharon Burke-Polana is a senior architect with Design Services for the State of California and is periodically a commissioner for the California Architectural Registration oral exams. She, husband Guido and their high-school-age daughters live in the Sacramento area.

Natalee Spiro Franzyshen and Henry, after nearly 30 years of marriage, have an 18-year-old niece living with them, and the remaining six children in her youngest sister's family visit regularly. Another niece graduates from JMU in June. Their lives also include jobs and three dogs; Henry is in bank examination management at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Natalee is the financial manager for the FBI office in Richmond.

Ranny Nichols Corbin, assistant to President Anderson of MWC, is also chairing the building, decorating and operations committees for the Alumni Executive Center to be built at Trench Hill. She encourages everyone to visit MWC's Web site and check on the center's progress.

Kathy Dawson Caldwell is practicing law, mostly social security disability and workers' compensation, in Charlottesville. She also raises money for Legal Aid. Her husband, Ham, is adjunct faculty in the MWC history department, where he has taught classes from time to time for the last 10 years.

Mary Jane Chandler Miller reported that many classmates from Virginia second back have been keeping in touch by e-mail. From Arizona, **Nancy Lindberg** has tracked down several long-lost classmates.

Stevi Smith Moore and **Bill** '73 enjoyed having their daughter and son-in-law home from Nashville for the Christmas holidays. Their nest is no longer empty, as their son, Willy, has moved back home. Stevi is down to one job, working for a homeowners' association in Columbia, Md.

Karen Laino sent e-mail from an Internet café somewhere in Germany or France, where she was on a short vacation in January. She reported difficulties dealing with the Euro along with the currencies, but was enjoying the weather, wine, food and shopping. She invites everyone to visit her new home in Baltimore.

Nancy Belden's public opinion polling company, Belden Russonello & Stewart, will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. The company, located in Washington, D.C., conducts polls and focus groups for progressive organizations and candidates.

Betty Whichard Robinson is teaching computer classes at a private college in Lynchburg and a Web-based course through Central Virginia Community College. Jim is doing free-lance consulting. Both Robinsons play a lot of tennis, and Betty has run every day for over 15 years.

Sally Reichner Mayor is still living in the Swiss Alps and ballooning wherever she can. Her daughter, Patricia, who works for the International Skating Union, went to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in February. Daughter Adrienne works for an organization involved with the marketing of luxury watches and jewelry. Sally usually goes to Fredericksburg in the summer and gets in touch with **Patty Killefer**. Sally and Patty stay in Spotsylvania with **Robert Johnson** '72. Patty works with **Charlotte Clark Robertson** '72 in Social Services in Richmond.

Susan Stumpf-Hebert reported that she and Jim had a relaxing holiday season and plan to travel at the end of the winter. **Bryn Irving Roth** and Dick are recovering from the death of Dick's mother the day after Christmas in Ohio.

Kay Thompson Cole is thrilled to report that her daughter, Katherine, has been accepted through early decision at MWC.

Doris Lee Hancock's son, Todd, graduated from JMU in May. He and another son, Kevin, have a band that played for several Henrico County events in the fall and a benefit over the holidays.

Mary Weaver Mann and Jim welcomed their first grandchild, Theo, in October 2001. Daughter Emily lives in Fredericksburg and is a stay-at-home mom. Son Geoff is serving with the Virginia National Guard on a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. Seventh-grader Zephyr is, among other things, a professional actor. Mary and I work in the newly named Youth Services Department of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg. Although we have some shifts together, we don't have too many "senior moments" at the same time. My husband **Randy Hume** '75 and I have a full nest, but that could change in the next few months. Robin has been accepted to UNC-Wilmington. Janet is at home this year, working at the library and taking classes at MWC, but plans to return to Randolph-Macon College in the summer or fall.

1973

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I apologize for letting my scribe responsibili-

ties lapse the last couple of years. Two job changes within Qualcomm in as many years makes for very little extra time. And I was delusional in thinking that once I had completed my master's, I would have a lot more free time. Thanks to all of you for your patience and for staying in touch.

In reading your cards and letters this year two things stand out; first, most of us have turned 50, and second, while most of us are becoming empty-nesters, some of us are beginning to add grandchildren to the family tree. In spite of being told we don't look that old, it doesn't help when we start feeling that old.

The Linders had an eventful year with trips to Hawaii and Alaska, reunions, birthdays and a gigantic family gathering in Santa Clara, Calif., to celebrate Kelly's graduation from Santa Clara U. with honors and a degree in communications and business/marketing. Kelly is now busy in marketing with Marimba in Silicon Valley; Terri is working special consulting projects with Andersen in Los Angeles; I am managing Web, application, and messaging/calendaring infrastructure in the IT sector of Qualcomm; and Bruce is a principal with Booz-Allen Hamilton working on Navy projects. The big news is that Bruce had his book, *San Diego's Navy*, hit the bookstores (and Amazon) with astoundingly good reviews and sales to match.

My junior- and senior-year roommate, **Loretta Ratkus**, breezed through San Diego with her dad and we were at least able to connect on the phone. She is doing well and still lives near D.C.

Susan Regan, after more than 11 years in the Colonial School District, moved to a neighboring district last July to assume a K-5 principalship. It has been a challenge as there has been so much that is new to learn — new students and families, staff, curriculum, policies and procedures. As she so aptly states, "changes have not been easy for everyone, but change is a process and transitions take time."

Marjorie Walsh Shepherd and John have four lovely daughters (their picture accompanied the holiday letter). Sara graduated in May with a BFA in illustration. Laura is a junior at Warren Wilson College, is on the carpentry crew at school, and was to go this spring to Mexico and Guatemala as part of her Latin American Studies program. Rosemary is in 10th grade and Margaret is in seventh. Marjorie is still teaching eighth-grade social studies in Albemarle County.

Gay Bruce Negus also has a good-looking family. (I love getting the family photos.) She continues her association with the U. of Tennessee at Chattanooga as an associate flight director at the Challenger Learning Center. For the last three summers, she attended the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics as a member of the teaching leadership team. Gay's eldest son, Bruce, graduated from the School of Agriculture at UT and is working for the Brickman Group Ltd. in Atlanta. Ashby has completed her first semester in the school of nursing at UT as a junior. Louise has been accepted at UT and will enter in fall 2002. This spring Louise was planning to go to England and France with a group of students from school. Gay and Dean are the principals of Paradigm Solutions Inc., which sells voicemail and telephone systems.

Last year **Pam Moody Wuichet** formed her own consulting business, Project Resource Group, with two like-minded partners, drawing on their previous fund-raising experience at The Carter Center. Her daughter, Kristin, is in her first year of a Ph.D. program and fellowship at Georgia Tech. In December 2001, Pam took her first non-business trip to Africa, traveling to Niger to camp in the Sahara among unbelievably beautiful dunes and mountains.

Carol Bowie Kuhnley became a grandmother in March and takes care of Christopher on weekdays while daughter Lisa pursues her degree in business at Shenandoah U. Sheila has completed her third year in pursuit of a degree in education at Penn State. Husband John started a position as medical director of a child and adolescent psychiatry inpatient program at Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg, so the family will be relocating in May.

Lindy VanDerveer Rackiewicz's family found itself very close to the events on 9/11. Husband Dave witnessed the explosion of the aircraft into the Pentagon on his way to work at the Washington Navy Yard. Their oldest son, Nate, works in New York City in Times Square, only blocks from the World Trade Towers, but was alerted by sister Rachel by phone as he was walking out the door for work. Rachel and her husband, Jim Maguire, became the proud parents of James Francis in December 2000. Martha graduated from Marymount U. and works for Arc Second Inc.; Andrew is a sophomore at Marymount; Matthew is in 11th grade; and Amanda is in ninth grade. All are involved in the theater and are active in sports. Lindy started back with political work after 25+ years of research work on the effects of the New World Order on the family.

Claire Holton Hammond still teaches economics at Wake Forest U. She and husband Dan have three children: Jane is in the 10th grade, Joseph graduated from U.Va. and Patrick is a junior at U.Va.

With three years left until retirement from the Virginia Department of Health, **Daniel "Duke" Price** is switching gears and going into teaching. He has been accepted at U.Va.'s master's program for educational instruction and will be able to finish while still living and working in Richmond. He and wife Ingrid have a 5-year-old daughter.

Patty Gould Rosenberg lives in Gloucester, Va., on Mobjack Bay, where she owns a retail stationery, invitation and gift store, Angelwing, which opened in November 1996. Patty earned her master's in Christian education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education/Union Seminary in Richmond. Husband **Eric** '75 is a guidance counselor at Peasley Middle School. Their daughter, Courtney, is married and lives in Richmond, and their youngest daughter, Andrea, is a conference manager at Kiawah Island Resort, S.C.

The major focal point this year for **Mary Stevens Portier**, as many of you can relate to, was getting a child through the last year of high school. Russ may go to Florida State. Mary's daughter, Sarah, continues to love aerospace engineering and university life at Florida. But the most exciting news is that Mary and Ken leave the first week of June for six months in Belgium.

Judy Mayberry Fiske is still in Richmond, Va., working as the minister of music/youth and organist at Tabernacle Baptist Church, a 110-year-old church in the Fan District. She has been there 22 years. Judy is also on the faculty of St. Christopher's lower school part-time and teaches piano and organ. Her husband, Eric, works in the Virginia Attorney General's office. Clark is at EPCI studying computer networking, and Brice is a junior at St. Christopher's upper school. Judy runs into **Laura Blevins Douglass** and **Barbara Taylor Moore** fairly often through church circles and through **Peggy Kelley Reinburg** '58, who was the organ teacher at MWC our senior year. Laura continues her interest in music. She has been involved with the music ministry for 11 years working with choirs and the Sacred Arts Series. Daughter Kate is a freshman at Spotswood High School. She and Laura went with the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir to the International Tuscany Children's Choir Festival in Florence, where they were joined by other choirs from the U.S., Canada, Venezuela, Greece and South Africa. The trip ended in Rome at the Vatican for a Sunday afternoon Mass. Laura was to get together with classmates Judy Mayberry Fiske and Barbara Moore among others in January 2002.

Susie Baril Bourne keeps quite busy as chairman of her church's women's group, math tutoring and her 10th year substituting at a traditional middle school. Husband Royce markets and designs churches, college buildings, convention centers, Federal courthouses and hospital buildings. Their oldest daughter, Christyne, was graduated from Georgetown U. in May, will take the Virginia bar exam the end of July and will marry Richard Brennan in August. Erin is a junior at Furman U. in Greenville, S.C.

Nancy Horner Knight has remarried Douglas Feiock, and they have a son, Bill. Nancy earned a master's in social work and practiced as a medical social worker for 12 years. Nancy now works in the workers' compensation area as a case manager.

After the June 2000 *MWC Today* came out, **Dale Cole Carter** received a surprise call from **Robin Rucker Sullivan** '74. It turns out that both Robin and Dale work at the U. of Notre Dame. Robin is in the career center and Dale is in information technologies. Robin completed her master's degree, and Dale is still working for her MBA. Both husbands served in the Marine Corps at about the same time. A couple of their children have attended the same colleges, and they live less than a mile from each other. This shows how important keeping your classmates informed can be, and what a small world it is. Dale's three children are all attending various universities.

Dianne Friedhoff Blais is in her 11th year writing contracts and bills for Lightning Zeb. Her husband, Gerard, is working at WorldCom/MCI in Ashburn. Their oldest son, Gerard III, is a senior at George Mason U. Cynthia is a sophomore at U.Va., and James is a junior at Fairfax High School. Rose is a freshman at Fairfax High School and received the JV academic award after her field-hockey season.

Valerie Mirto Rothschild '74 saw **Susie Bartol Killion** in summer 2000. Valerie said that Susie is doing well and looks her usual great self. Valerie has two children: Claudia, a freshman at Holy Cross in Massachusetts, and Claire, a seventh-grader.

For **Marianne Schwartz** the last eight years have been bleak, starting when her husband became seriously ill and eventually needed 24-hour care. After a long and often painful period, he passed away about three years ago. Then over the next two years she consecutively broke each ankle, each requiring surgery. The good news is that she met a wonderful man, Smokey Reed, who went to Randolph-Macon the same time we were at Mary Wash. He took excellent care of her during the rehab of her second ankle break. She has spent the last 21 years as a clinical social worker, most recently at a crisis unit in Richmond, Va. Marianne has a busy family life with three stepsons and their children.

Now for some news from the Christmas 2000 newsletters. **Mary Fletcher Donohue** and family moved to Florida when Southwest Airlines opened a pilot base in April 2000. Paul will continue to commute to Baltimore for his trips as a SW captain. Mary is working at Trinity Prep teaching two sections of junior English and helping 41 seniors with their college application packages. Mary's oldest son, Patrick, is a junior at Princeton and excels in swimming. He is also a cadet in the Princeton Army ROTC program. Katherine is in the 10th grade, and John is in eighth.

Patricia White Foster got married in November 2000 to Mike, a retired oil-rig operator and gentleman rancher from Texas. Trish is the director of quality management for the Casey Family Programs based in Seattle, Wash. She travels quite a bit for her job, going to several locations in 15 states. Her "business" is foster care and adoption.

Barb Barnes Krug had a near-death experience in September 2000 from congestive heart failure that was caused by a virus. While the damage caused by the virus requires ongoing medication and personal monitoring, Barb has returned to a beignet shop she opened in Sugar Land, Texas. Whitney is a sophomore at the U. of Kansas, and Matt finished at UT in Austin. Travis graduated from West Point in June 2001. His initial orders will be to Fort Rucker, Ala., for a year of helicopter pilot training. Adam has moved to a small venture capital firm in Dallas owned by Ross Perot, Jr. Barb's husband, Larry, has added domestic pipeline to his legal responsibility, which has meant several trips to Alaska.

Janet Pickral "Pick" Moncure continues as the consummate housewife, which includes helping out with George's rotator cuff rehab, riding the mower, school mom, bridge, tennis, home improvement. Anna is 17 and maintains a 4.0+ GPA. Sisters Ginny, a sophomore, and Mary Catherine, an eighth-grader, are equally diligent in their studies. Pick and George took a trip to Egypt in February 2001.

Chris Ransom continues working with 330 or so teen-agers and, like **Mary Stevens Portier**, became somewhat obsessed with helping daughter Mary find the most appropriate college. After much agonizing, she has decided on Ithaca, as it is the closest to home and offers the most flexibility, particularly with music. Julie is a freshman and is becoming quite the ballerina performing alongside the New York City Ballet principals, Wendy Whelan and Nilas Martins.

Mark your calendars; our 30th reunion is just one year away. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up on all this news in person. Hope to see you there.

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From Lina:

Sandy Connor Morris has moved to Naples, Fla., where she accepted a position as a production manager for Attorneys Title Insurance Fund. Sandy's daughter, Samantha, is a sophomore in high school and her son, Grady, works at the Giant Food Distribution Center in Jessup, Md.

I was delighted to get a photo Christmas card from **Patti Morris Cox**. Lauren, her oldest daughter, graduated from the U. of North Carolina in May 2001. Her son, Paul, is in his second year at UNC; daughter Sarah will join him in the fall. Patti and her husband, Steve, live in Sanford, N.C., where Patti is a physical therapist at a local hospital.

My roommate, **Jane Nobles Allen**, lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with her husband, Larry. Daughter Carey is a senior at Virginia Commonwealth U., and her son, Robert, is attending a local community college. Jane is a school nurse in the local schools.

Cathy Trenis Allis and husband John have recently moved to Lynchburg, Va. Her daughter, Emily, was married in September 2001. Their oldest son, Ben, is in his second year at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and son Dan is in middle school.

My husband, Jon, and I live in Oakton, Va. Our daughter, Sarah, is a high-school sophomore at Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tenn.

I would enjoy hearing from all of you. We do not want to be known as: "The class that fell off the face of the earth," a phrase coined by my roommate, **Carol Pappas Bartold**. Those of you who have seen the daily devotional guide, *The Upper Room*, may have read some of the daily devotions written by Carol, who lives in Glendale, Calif.

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I apologize for the past two years when I have not been diligent in reporting news from our class. My life has changed a great deal, and I have experienced some huge transitions. However, things have now stabilized for me considerably and I want to hear from all of my classmates!

I moved back to the Atlanta area almost two years ago after residing in Las Vegas for three years. I am so happy to be back in the South, particularly back in Atlanta. My son, Blake, is a high-school senior with aspirations to attend Clemson. I am still pushing him to apply to MWC and won't give up! My younger son, Brad, is a high-school freshman and an aspiring actor/musician.

I have continued to run my own marketing company and have two employees; however, I am considering a full-time position with Busch Entertainment, which has been my biggest client for two years. I am beginning to yearn for stability in this extremely volatile economy.

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From Sue:

Doug Lorber lives in Albany, Ga., where he is an audiologist. He has been married for 18 years. Doug has continued his theatrical performances, having done some 35 shows, along with his wife, Nancy. Doug's son, Josh is looking at MWC as a possibility for college.

Terry Souza Beck is living in Miami with her husband and three boys. Terry and her sons spent last summer in Maine with her family.

Laura Buchanan Bentzen stays busy teaching water aerobics to senior citizens. She has two children.

Betty Zegarski, who transferred our junior year to San Diego State, paid a visit to **Pam Staples Piasecki** last year. Betty and her husband own two exotic plant nurseries in Los Angeles and San Diego and have three kids. She and her family traveled to Turkey for vacation. Pam had a difficult year. Her younger sister was injured in an automobile accident last December with spinal injuries and a traumatic brain injury. Despite amazing progress, she passed away in May. Pam tries to keep up weekly phone conversations with **Craig Howie** '81.

Sheila Beatty still lives in Seattle and works at Boeing. She completed her master's last year and treated herself to a European vacation.

Dianne Naoroz Douglass moved from Florida to Northern Virginia, where she and her family are renovating a home in Annandale. They are a Navy family and hope to retire in the area.

Janet Bornemeier Regan visited Richmond with her husband and two daughters. While visiting the White House of the Confederacy, they met **Ruth Ann Spivey Coski**, who was signing copies of her first book, which is a pictorial tour of the White House of the Confederacy. She is the library manager and former coordinator of the museum, and her husband, **John Coski** '81, is the historian and library director.

Suzanne Pfaff Kennedy lives in Indiana with her husband and two children. She is a caterer, volunteers at schools and is secretary of her neighborhood association.

Paul Scott still lives in Fredericksburg with his wife and three children. He enjoys being self-employed, coaching his daughter's soccer team, storytelling with the Fredericksburg Storytellers Guild, camping, jogging and playing basketball with other senior citizens. He has been president of Scott Insurance Services since 1997.

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From Lori Foster Turley:

Diana Wolotkiewicz Royer is in a new position as director of composition at Miami U. in Ohio, where she and husband Carl live with their two cats. She is still teaching English and had two books published last year; one is on the commercialization of American Indian cultures, and the other is on the Egyptian human rights activist Nawal El Saadawi. Diana gets together with her best friend and former college roommate, **Leslie Vernon,** a few times each year. They vacation together at the beach each summer.

Lisa Shipp Logue writes that she and her husband, Bob, love living in Helotes, Texas, just outside of El Paso. Lisa is a full-time mom to daughter Caitlyn, and Bob is nearing his 15-year anniversary with USAA.

In February, I'll complete my tour as the commanding officer of the Navy Brig in San Diego. I'm sorry to leave the corrections field, which I find to be fascinating. However, I'm going to another great assignment here in the San Diego area, teaching leadership at the Navy Leader Training Unit. This summer, my husband will also change jobs; he'll become the commanding officer of the Navy ROTC program at the U. of San Diego.

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Estie Corey Thomas keeps busy with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation working on conservation easements across the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula of eastern Virginia. The job allows her to meet many wonderful people

and protect beautiful properties. Hubby Michael has been on alert as an officer in the Naval Reserves. He spent three weeks in London in June 2001 working on operations to support efforts in Kosovo. With the SCC, Mike works with the state of Virginia's movement within the regulatory field as companies seek SCC approval for new power plants and water companies. Their son is in first grade and their daughter attends preschool.

Lisa Harris Coleman and family marked their one-year anniversary in their new Smithfield home built by her husband, Ken. Surrounded by three acres, Lisa says it is peaceful. Their two daughters keep them busy, however.

Martha Weber Jaffe lives in Gaithersburg, Md., and has two sons. She attended the wedding of **Martha Newcombe** to Jeff Reed. **Jennifer Lane Sullivan** '85 also attended the wedding. Martha celebrated her 40th birthday at a B&B with classmates **Lynn Ziernieki Bruce**, **Jackie Lane Rice**, **Ann Clark Lockhart** and Martha Newcombe Reed.

Pat Garnett Brooks' son, Steve, a manager of one of the food court operations at Virginia Tech, married Kim Van Horne. They bought a house in Christiansburg, Va. Kim is an assistant superintendent at Blacksburg Country Club.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks, **Kathy Walters Along**'s husband, Jim, was sent to Germany for a month in November 2001. Their township, Hamilton, was also in the news with the anthrax scares. Daughter Gina takes tae kwon do, ballet and sings in the church choir. Son Joseph is in preschool and takes gymnastics. Kathy's jazzercise business is still thriving after six years.

Nelly Castano Garza sent news. **Mary C. Butler Turner** married, has three children and lives in Florida. Her husband is in the roofing business. After graduation, Nelly began work at Texas A&M in the dean of geosciences offices, a job she held for three years. In 1983 Nelly married and in 1986 moved to San Antonio to be closer to her ailing mother-in-law. Happily, her mother-in-law recovered. Nellie and her husband have two sons, Matthew and Andrew. In summer 2001 Nelly visited D.C. and had the opportunity to visit MWC, where, she said, good changes have been made. Nelly now works for a bank in San Antonio in the international department, a job which allows her to use her French and Spanish majors.

Anne Means Carlson visited with **Lori Langpaul Beebe** '84 last Thanksgiving. Anne lives in Ponte Vedra, Fla. Lori has two boys, Charlie and Whit, and is able to catch up with **Frank** '84 and **Karen Gilmore** '86 a couple times a year in Northern Virginia. Anne was also able to visit with **Julie Niehaus** while in Richmond. Julie is a successful salesperson of specialized hospital beds. She keeps in touch with **Helen Hyatt** and **Ellen Murphy Bradley** '84. Helen is married to a naval officer. They live in Japan with their two children. Ellen lives in Richmond. Julie also visited with **Anne Carroll Nelson King** and **Terry Daly Gaucher** within the past year. Terry lives in Greenville, S.C., with husband Jay and two daughters. **Heidi Brickell Ullrich** married a commander in the navy who is assigned to the *Ike*, currently in for an overhaul. They have two children, Rachel and Jacob. Heidi is the school-based substitute at the elementary school in her neighborhood in Virginia Beach.

Scott Harris is very happy as director of the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park, a position he took in March 2001. Scott, wife **Diann Davis** '81, son Jeff and daughter Becky are looking forward to getting settled in their new home in the Shenandoah Valley. Scott also had the pleasure of hosting a tour of the battlefield last year for VMI alumni that included MWC alum, **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** '61 and husband Stuart.

Monica Rastallis Cashin continues to travel in her job as marketing manager for Rehrig Pacific. Husband Mark is running a business from home. They have two children, Kylene and Shayne. Her old roommate, **Laura Abenes**, and husband David have a daughter, Isabelle.

Joseph Jeanes is very proud to announce his marriage to San Diego banker, Roni Gilbert in October 2001. They live in San Diego.

Momentum is beginning to build for our 20th reunion. This will be a big party in 2003, so don't get left out!

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Congratulations to **Kathy Goeller Booth** and her husband, Miles, who brought a beautiful baby girl, Megan Grace, into the world in November 2001.

Joanne Bartholomew Lamm lost her paternal grandmother last year at the age of 99. Joanne says her grandmother was a nationally known antiques dealer from Memphis, Tenn., and was Joanne's inspiration for choosing Historic Preservation as her major. "Her love for the beauty of objects from the past made me eager to learn as much as possible about all things historical," remembers Joanne. We express our condolences to Joanne, her husband, Chris, and their family. Her grandmother sounds like such a wonderful woman.

I have obtained a new paralegal position with the law firm Parr, Richey, Obremsky & Morton and will be working in the area of personal injury and medical malpractice.

I look forward to hearing from all of you soon.

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From Sharon:

In the birth announcement department, **Leighann Scott Boland** and husband Jay proudly announced the birth of their third son, Thomas Forbes, in May 2001. **Trent Ibbotson** and his wife, Jill, had their first child, Hagan Trent, on Father's Day 2001. Trent is a healthcare consultant and lives in Charlotte.

Michele Linden Scherdin enjoys singing at church and coaching a ladies cabbage ball team on Friday nights.

Bill Saffell, his wife Krisnajanti and daughter Jessie live in Fredericksburg. Krisnajanti, originally from Indonesia, passed her U.S. citizenship test and was sworn in as an American citizen in Richmond in January 2001. Bill earned a graduate certificate for teaching English as a second language from George Mason in 1995 and an M.A. in linguistics from George Mason in 2000. He teaches ESL at NOVA's Annandale campus and adult ESL and U.S. citizenship preparation. Bill also teaches each summer at an intensive ESL program for visiting Japanese university students at Susquehanna U. in Pennsylvania. His first novel, *Kyushu Blues*, was published in 2001. It is set in Southern Japan during the Vietnam War. Bill's next novel should be in print this year or early in 2003.

Monica Boyle Rodgers lives in Alexandria with her husband, Chris, and their children, Julia and Andy. Although Monica quit her job in January 2001 to be home with her children full time, she hopes to soon get back into dance, her major at MWC. Monica keeps in touch with **Melanie Glass**, who is in her final year at U. of Ala.-Birmingham getting a master's degree in forensic science. Monica has also been in touch with **Nancy Reichart Mitchell** '91, **Tracey Benner Hilliard** '91 and **Mariann Yeager** '90. They enjoyed a reunion last fall near Charlottesville at Tracey's house. **Kelly Ittenbach Safranek** '88 is still enjoying life in Alaska.

Joseph W. Rejuney attended chaplain candidate school in Newport, R.I., for six weeks last summer and was commissioned as an ensign and as a U.S. Navy Chaplain Candidate Program officer in September 2001. Joe is finishing a joint degree in divinity and counseling at Regent U. Upon graduation Joe will be ordained by Vanguard Ministries and begin a new career as a Navy chaplain. In December, Joe was working at Regent U. as the statistical analyst for the central enrollment management office and living in Norfolk, where he is very active in his church with ministry to the military and occasionally assists with the youth ministry.

Holly Carter Swift and her husband, David, live in Goochland and have two boys. I had the pleasure of running into Holly and her family over the holidays. During the same trip, I also ran into **BJ Wall Arnold**. She and her husband were expecting their first child in June.

Mary Shotler Knowles and husband Brian have a beautiful daughter, Grace. Mary works from her home for Squire & Heartfield in direct marketing as a part-time consultant. She loves her arrangement since she gets to spend a lot of time with Grace. Mary keeps in touch with **Rebecca Moon Martin** and **Susan K. Brown** '90. Rebecca and her husband, Jim, were expecting their first child in October 2001. They live in Manassas with a lot of land for their two dogs to roam. They both work for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in D.C. Susan recently bought a house in our old haunts, right off College Avenue in Fredericksburg. She works in Crystal City at the U.S. Patent Office and is working on her master's in library science through Catholic U.

Our condolences go to **Abby Collette Lawson**, who lost her father in October 2001.

Over the summer I ran into **Pat McAleer**, who works in Richmond for American Express Financial Advisors and has two children.

I am happy to report that my husband Jim and I are the proud parents of an English bulldog puppy named Harley, who is spoiled rotten! I joked with Jim that he could brag to all his friends that he got a Harley for his 35th birthday. I'm in my sixth year at Royall & Company working as an account director. I've vowed to work less and work out more this year and do a better job of staying in touch with friends. I hope to hear from more classmates in the coming months!

1991

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As you read this issue, I will be finishing my six-month military reserves tour of duty. Unfortunately, that means I was not able to get any of your information for the fall issue. So save up your information for the following issue. For the summer issue I tried to reach out to those we did not get a chance to speak to at Reunion Weekend.

After earning his Ph.D. in microbiology at U.Va., **Charlie Gullo** moved to Boston for a post-doctoral fellowship in immunology at Beth Israel/Harvard Medical School. Charlie spends his free time volunteering as a Big Brother. Do all of his visits to Hong Kong have us hearing wedding bells?

Wedding bells rang for **Doug Rose** two years ago when he married Natasha in Russian Orthodox style. **Mark Gilliat**, **Chris Louden**, **Lori Louden** '93 and I were in attendance. Doug earned the title of doctor in the field of American history at CUNY.

Mark Gilliat can be seen at computers all over the U.S., working for EDS as a System Administrator. Mark spends his free time volunteering with the Boy Scouts and his church.

Also active in the church is **Lynn "Viola" Cizek**, who lives in Richmond and works as an accountant for Cavalier Telephone. Lynn is enjoying the single life.

Sandra Richardson Coombs is married to Ron and has two boys, Jack and Josh. Although being a stay-at-home mom keeps Sandra busy, she does find time to be successful at selling Princess House Crystal — winning herself a trip to Hawaii.

Kelli Miller Slunt earned her Ph.D. from U.Va. and is a professor of chemistry at our alma mater. She is married to Jeff and has two children, Bob and Madeline.

Cindy Dyche Rodway is wife to Mike and mother to Veronica May and Loren Mitchell. As a stay-at-home mom, Cindy volunteers for MOMS club of Warrenton and assists at a local retirement home. She looks forward to teaching Veronica the fine art of clay tossing.

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Suzanne Horsley is engaged to Joe Herron; they're planning a June 2002 wedding in Richmond. Suzanne also began a new job at VCU as director of alumni relations for the School of Mass Communications.

Tari Stage-Harvey and husband have welcomed a new baby daughter, Hannah Louise, into their lives. Tari and family live in St. Ignace, Mich., and she serves two churches as pastor. Tari visited **Whitney Donaghy** and **Jennifer Williams** in Vegas to celebrate Whitney's big 3-0. Whitney's hubby, **Brian Donaghy** '94, completed pastry school in August and is working at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner, Va. Catholic U.'s master of library and information science department accepted Whitney into its program, and she began classes in January.

Jennifer Malos bought a townhouse in Manassas last summer and attended the Gunmaker's Fair with **Shannon McKenna Winnard** and Shannon's hubby, Pete. Shannon and Pete have been busy settling into a new apartment in New Jersey.

I was pleased to attend my old roomie's wedding last August. **Harriet Greenlee** was married to Robert Herndon at Ft. Snelling and they are expecting their first child in July! If that's not enough, Harriet is planning to finish her master's degree next year.

Stacey Bailey Kearney and family are doing well. Daughter Bethany is 3 and Stacey still works six hours a day for a USCG contractor. She's excited about an upcoming cruise to the Caribbean. Stacey added that **Michelle Martin Durand** had her second child, Jessica, in May. Michelle now has a full-time job, a toddler and a newborn! And is **Tracy Young Rowland** having her second and **Jean Sudlow Simpson** her first? Stacey thinks so.

Mark Newman is living in Virginia Beach with dog Rocky. Mark works as a manager for Citi Financial and enjoys the beach and golf. Twin brother **Mike Newman** lives in Danville and works as a prosecutor for the Pittsylvania County Commonwealth Attorney's office. He and wife Amy have a son, Andrew.

News from the Roanoke area came from **John Anstey**. John's wife **Kara Matala Anstey** '94, finished her residency in December. To celebrate, they took a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand. The trip was filled with much-needed relaxation and excitement, including scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef and sailing aboard an America's Cup racing yacht. Back in the real world, Kara has joined Bedford Medical, a private family practice. John received an Illuminator Award from the Public Relations Society of America's Blue Ridge Chapter. He continues to hang his hat at the O'Connor Group, an advertising and PR firm. John has also been accepted in the management institute at Roanoke College and continues to mentor with Big Brothers. John reported that fellow Westmorelander **Keith Park** is engaged to be married in Connecticut this July. Keith's betrothed is a charming elementary school teacher that Keith met at **Pat Fines**' engagement party. Speaking of Pat, he completed a master's degree in information technology from Johns Hopkins. Pat and wife Callie are building a new home in Fairfax.

Coby Fry has received another promotion from BB&T and was transferred from Charlottesville to Richmond to help lead their busy commercial lending unit. **James Gibson** married his high-school sweetheart last spring at Smith Mountain Lake, and **Warren Fischi**, who recently joined the ranks at BB&T, is rumored to have wedding bells ringing soon.

Who wants to be a millionaire? Well, we all do, but according to **Matt Mejia**, **David Clayton** got a chance and won $250,000 on TV's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" Matt's been busy starting new programs for students at MWC. The College has started short courses that are four week-long not-for-credit-classes. The classes include scuba, yoga, massage, swing dancing, photography, cooking and career planning. Matt said that the response has been wonderful! I wish we had this when we were there.

Allyson Dieck lives in Albany, N.Y., and works for East Coast Tile Imports as an assistant buyer. Her job allows her to travel all over the world and to use her Italian degree buying ceramic tile and marble. Allyson keeps in touch with **Rachel Abrajano Beattie** in Virginia Beach and **Rich Watson**, who is a French teacher at a Boston-area high school.

Eric and **Krys Dawson** moved into their first house in November. Eric still travels quite a lot for his job, and Krys is trying to find some time to take some classes for either herself or their dogs! **Adam Owings** and wife Holley also became homeowners. They moved in June and live in Alexandria. Over the summer a yellow lab, August, came into their lives. He is 70 pounds and still growing! Adam is still an analyst with Technology, Management and Analysis Corporation. He had a short, but fun, trip to MWC for homecoming and got to hang out with some swim team buddies.

Elizabeth Bowen Jones continues to work with Westmoreland Department of Social Services, where she determines eligibility for long-term care clients. She's also been actively expanding her Care Package program. Elizabeth's husband, Mike, is still building his handyman/construction business. He's done well enough to hire one full-time person and hopes to double his business in a year. Elizabeth and Mike were expecting their third child.

Art and **Michelle Thomas Speyer** had their first child, Ethan Jacob, in June. Michelle returned to work in September and keeps busy with that and Ethan. **Jen Studt Schimmenti** and hubby Mike purchased a house in Falls Church in May 2001. They're totally renovating the house and hope to have everything done so they can move in by this summer. When not pounding nails, Jen is a meeting planner for the Nature Conservancy and will be heading to Peru for a few weeks at the end of January. Alas, it's for work and not pleasure!

Sarah Cox Boyer is working as a public relations coordinator for a battered women's shelter and rape crisis center. **Emily Firkin** is attending the James Monroe Center for a master's in education and certification to teach middle-school math, science and possibly English. She's also a volunteer with the Rappahannock Chapter of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. **Amy Cole** has been living in Denver for the past year and works as the mountain/plains regional attorney for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She says that Colorado is quite different from her old haunting grounds, North Carolina. Since her move, she's become good friends with **Jane Bennett Crisler** and Jane's husband, **Chris Bennett** '89. Chris works at the U. of Denver and Jane at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Amy also keeps in touch with **Melanie Ahart McGrogan**. Melanie and hubby John live in Spotsylvania and recently had a baby girl. **Cheryl Roberts** will have graduated from the U. of Richmond law school this year.

Greta Nelson Neuman has married and moved to San Diego, where her husband, a lieutenant in the Navy, is stationed. Greta uses her biology degree as an environmental consultant.

And what have Pratt and I been up to lately? I earned my accredited public relations credential this fall from the Public Relations Society of America. The study and exam were not easy but sure beat graduate school. Pratt and I had a quiet Christmas and New Year with friends and family. Pratt's been working on a grand plan to develop a dog kennel/retriever breeding/hunting lodge facility, so who knows where this will take us? Regardless, it sounds like fun to me! Our days are pretty quiet — working, playing with Bena, our 85-pound lab, and restoring our 1989 Jeep Grand Wagoneer.

I still keep in touch with **Jody Smith**, **Nilou Tavassoli**, **Tammy White** and **Sandy McCaffity Lyle**. Jody's doing great in her new job as a Beth Page school district administrator, and Nilou recently moved into a new townhouse in Centreville. Sandy has been working hard to keep the snow off Virginia's roads.

Charlene Gomes graduated from George Mason School of Law in May 2000 and is currently program director for the women's law and public policy fellowship program in Washington, D.C. She married **Roy Speckhardt** '95 in 1995. Roy completed his M.B.A. at George Mason U. and is director of programs and memberships at the American Humanist Association in Washington, D.C. Charlene and Roy had a daughter, Johanna Madeline, in April 2001. They live in Alexandria.

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From Jane:

Ginni Bounds Schaffer had much to report. After getting her master's in counseling/psychological services from Marymount U., she married **Steve Schaffer** '96 in May 1998. They have been in Florida since then — first in Jacksonville, where Ginni worked in student affairs for the U. of North Florida, and now in Gainesville, where Steve is at grad school for planning/GIS and Ginni has started Ph.D. work in higher education/administration. They bought a home in March 2001 — a 1926 honeymoon cottage they enjoy quite a bit!

Ginni also updated me on some other grads: **Jason Bryan** is doing well as a stage manager in Lansing, Mich. **Tim Tamburrino** lives in the Baltimore area, where he bought a nice townhouse and continues to work in his field of historic preservation. **Nate Plucker** '96 is in law school at St. Louis U. **Aaron Smith** '96 lives in West Virginia, is doing surveying/fieldwork and is planning a September 2002 wedding. **Jake Jacanin** '96 lives in Asia doing foreign service/embassy work. **Colleen Kelly Riggs** married in 1998 and lives in Savannah with her husband, Chris, who works at a legal firm. **Pennie Lane Taylor**, a teacher, is married and lives in Virginia.

Donnie and **Rose Gallitz** have enjoyed spending the past year making their new house a home and traveling (Cancun, Toronto and San Diego). Donnie is a systems engineer for IBI Inc. in Arlington, and Rose is still teaching social studies in Woodbridge while working on her master's degree in instructional technology at George Mason U. **Nicole Lemieux** is in her last year at Boston U. School of Medicine. She will complete a residency in internal medicine and was to have learned her residency location in March '02. She has been married for three years to Lyman William Whitlatch, also a med student at BU. They plan to continue to live in Boston.

Ed Mendes' company, Thomson, recently relocated him from the NYC area to Philadelphia in summer 2001. He continues to work in the corporate finance context. He did some significant traveling by bike in the United States and Canada in summer '01. Ed also wrote that **Jack Bryant** is in Okinawa finishing his commitment to the military, and that **Joseph Jones** has completed his Peace Corps assignment in Uzbekistan.

Rachel Machacek, a travel writer on sabbatical, recently returned from Europe where she spent fall 2001. As of January, she was living in D.C. **Pat Weinhold** worked in the IT industry for about five years after graduating from MWC. Looking for a change, he quit in 2000 and went to Southeast Asia. He has been in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, where he teaches English, for about a year now.

Bic Nguyen '96 works as a regional sales manager for AHC Inc. She travels often for her job. She recently bought a place in Arlington, which she shares with her two precious pups.

Julie Margolis '96 is also in Nova, where she continues to work for AOL. **Chrissy Kahrl** '96 married Aaron Brody, a professor at MIT. They live in Boston. **Todd Palcic** '96 had his own MWC reunion in his new loft in Pittsburgh. He travels the world for his job. **Keeth Apgar** '97 still lives in Seattle, where he is finishing a record with his band, The Harmonica Pocket, to be released in spring 2002.

Heather Hallowes '96 relocated from Northern Virginia to New York City and continues to work at an IT consulting company on Wall Street as a staff consultant for the NE region. She reported on other fellow alums: **Stefanie Teter** '96 bought a place in Arlington, Va., and continues to work at a law firm in NOVA; **Kim Hrabosky** '96 wed Christopher Melvin in Bermuda last November. She works for a law firm in downtown D.C. after passing the bar exam last year; Heather's roommate, **Melissa Schreiber** '97 moved to the New York City area in August and works for a woman's production company producing lifestyle television segments that are released to news stations across the country. Heather and Melissa live in Brooklyn.

Anna Martin '94 is also in the NYC area, a first-year student at Union Theological Seminary, studying for a master's of divinity. **Juhi Mehta** is enjoying life in NYC, where she works as a recruiter for ABC.

Jamie Askew, who I see from time to time, is having a ball in Manhattan hanging out often with other MWC types like **Nina Morrison** '96, **Soo Lim**, **Krista Vossen** '96, **Jon Pack** and others. She still does the starving-actor thing, auditioning and temping a lot, occasionally working on brilliant shows. Nina has been involved in directing numerous theater and film projects within NYC — most recently directing Jon Miller in one of his own productions (and one of Jamie's aforementioned "brilliant shows"). Jamie starred alongside Jon and **Ellen Simpson** '97 while Jon Pack served as sound and light designer. Krista continues to work for Random House as jacket designer. Soo works in a law firm in NYC.

In October 2001, I was privileged to serve as maid of honor to **Angela Mattozzi** '96 in her marriage to Michael Wentink. They honeymooned in Aruba. They live outside of D.C., where Angela works in the corporate communications department of a small tech company. **Rebecca Beale** '96, was another bridesmaid. Rebecca teaches eighth-grade science in the Northern Neck. Also in attendance was **Colleen Carpenter** '96, who is pursuing her Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins U. She hopes to do her dissertation research abroad.

Brian Ranney '94 wed teacher Meghan McIsaac in August '01. They live in Brooklyn. Brian works in NYC for Atlantic Records, while sister **Kim Ranney** '97 works for the Academy of American Poets in NYC. She lives in Astoria Queens with **Krissy Tsantes** '97, who continues to pursue acting in NYC and building her roster of TV/film credits. Krissy took a trip to Los Angeles, where she contemplates moving in 2002.

Jessica Bell Liegeard still lives in the British Virgin Islands and keeps busy with her small son, Jacques. Another busy mother, **Caroline Wheless Dearborn**, adores her fraternal twins, Helena and Dean Patrick. She teaches philosophy and ethics at a local college in the evenings. Caroline plans to get another master's in social work in the near future so that she can practice counseling with the ultimate goal of having a center of her own in the small historic town of York, S.C., where she and her family call home. Richmond-based **Steve** and **Susannah Daley** '94 were blessed with triplets, in 2001.

Kim Anderson Rainey '94 and her husband, Jonah, relocated from the Boston area to Madison, Wis., in fall '01. Jonah completed his Ph.D., and Kim earned her M.S. in speech pathology. Jonah is doing a post-doctoral fellowship studying retroviral and anthrax mechanisms, while Kim looks forward to starting her job at the U. of Wisconsin Veteran's Administration Hospital, where she would be conducting both clinical and research work in feeding and swallowing with the possibility of also doing some clinical voice work.

John Dimeglio '95 works in major account sales for Danka in Princeton, N.J., covering New Jersey, Philadelphia and Delaware territory. He is having a home built and looks forward to the summer — for the baseball league that he plays in, Sundays at Yankee Stadium and weekends at his beach house.

Deb Rosenkranz lives in Richmond with her younger sister, Susan. Deb works in marketing at FNANB, a subsidiary of Circuit City. **Nicki Sherman Draper** works as an RN with children suffering from cancer in an outpatient clinic in Norfolk. Nicki wrote that her job is probably the most challenging thing she's ever undertaken but also the most enjoyable! Her husband, Powell, is an engineer with one of the local shipbuilding companies. **Beth Lizut** was married in October '01, lives in the Northern Virginia area and works for the government.

San Francisco continues to treat **Allison Leeds** well. She loves her job as designer/art director for AOL. She and boyfriend Chris recently moved to a fabulous new apartment and adopted a wounded stray puppy they discovered at the top of Waimea Canyon in Kaiua, Hawaii, while on vacation! **Meg Carey** also brought back something special from Hawaii when her fiancé, John Enright, took her there to propose! They planned an April wedding.

Andrew Soles also makes it to Hawaii every so often. In his spare time he does a lot of canoe racing, and his competitions have brought him there on occasion. He works for the Nature Conservancy helping people find a balance between economic development and conservation. When not jetting all over the globe (he travels internationally quite a bit for his job) he lives in a boathouse in Georgetown. He still plays a bit of rugby from time to time, while dabbling in plumbing.

It is great to see how the MWC community in NYC alone continues to thrive. A whole group of us here rang in the New Year 2002 in Manhattan. I continue to work in book publishing in Manhattan in the Doubleday Broadway cover art department while pursuing my career in freelance illustration. My first illustrated book came out last year, *The BAP Handbook: The Official Guide to the Black American Princess*. You can see some of my work on my site at janearcherillustration.com. I often make the drive south to the NOVA area to visit my fellow freshman-year Virginia hallmates **Anne Kerr**, **Kristen Barnes** and **Flavia Jimenez**. Anne, who lives in Bethesda, is a physical therapist working with children after having earned her master's from Elon in May 2001. Also in Bethesda is the newly wed **Flavia Jimenez**, who married Jorge Ugaz from Lima, Peru, in September '01. Anne, Kristen, **Cadee Sue Flanagan**, and I were all present for their fabulous celebration in Maryland. Flavia and Jorge planned a religious ceremony and wedding celebration in Peru in April '02. **Catherine Potts** is planning a wedding in summer '03 to Dave Bohn. Kristen, Anne and I traveled to San Diego, Calif., in May '01 to visit another Virginia hallmate and former *Bullet* reporter, **Kristen Green**, now a reporter for the *San Diego Union Tribune*. Kristen enjoys Southern California and plans to take a sabbatical for a few months in South America to immerse herself in Spanish language classes and in the local culture.

Alicia Bartol-Thomas lives in the rolling hill country of northeast Kansas and has been doing so for about five years. Her town has had near-misses with a class four and a class five tornado while she has lived there. Alicia earned a master's degree in education from the U. of Kansas

in 2000 and in August started a job as the director of an alternative education community center in Kansas City, Kan. Since graduation she has been a cartographer, geodemographic consultant, university instructor, Webmaster, writer and an instructional technology specialist — often wearing two or three of those hats simultaneously. Alicia was married in April 2001, and husband Jeff works at KU toward his degree in film. Alicia also fulfilled a long-time dream and became a certified scuba diver last year! They escape Kansas often with trips, their most exciting being to Belize, where they had a pre-honeymoon. They planned to take their real one this spring, perhaps to Morocco. Alicia is nearly finished with her goal to see every U.S. state. She has only three to go. Her most notable happening was being carried out of a Paul Simon concert for taking a photograph when she shouldn't have. She got a great shot, though, and got back into the concert.

What I find amazing is that as more time passes, the sweeter my Mary Washington friendships get. I hope it's been the same for you all. Keep in touch, It's great to hear from you all and a true pleasure to put this together.

1997

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From Amy:

Congratulations to **Jennifer Rees Schulze**, who married Wilhelm in October 2001. After a honeymoon in Hawaii they settled in Clark, N.J. Shortly thereafter, Jen left her cataloger job at Baker & Taylor to accept the position of head of reference at the Scotch Plains Public Library. She's now in charge of the reference department, publicity, programming, collection development, and Web site development and maintenance.

Another newlywed, **Brooke Molyneux Shepard**, and her husband moved to Tampa last year and bought their first house. Brooke started medical school at the U. of South Florida and is very excited about it. Sharing the warmth of the sunshine state is **Ariana Monti**.

Also feeling the happiness of new home ownership is **Angie Fleming**, who bought a beautiful house south of Richmond. I spent New Year's Eve at her new home with friends and met Angie's new puppy, Molly. **Niki Gonyo** '98 has also purchased a lovely home in Lake Ridge and hosted a bunch of MWCers at her housewarming.

Dianna Rowell, after a fabulous trip to England and Scotland, is now settled in Albany, N.Y. Last August she started a clinical psychology Ph.D. program at the U. of New York in Albany, where she'll be working as a research assistant at the university's center for stress and anxiety disorders. Congratulations are also in order for **Katy Maxey**, who completed grad school in 2001.

As for me, I entered grad school last fall at George Mason U., where I'll be working on my master's in English/professional writing and editing. I hope to finish by next winter. This will definitely help with my job at APTA, where I was promoted last summer to membership marketing specialist and am now responsible for conference promotion, as well as three newsletters and their e-mail/online counterparts.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Homecoming as we celebrate five years of life after MWC. Look for more information in September.

From Chelle:

With all the tragedies our class and our country have faced, it is wonderful to hear news of so much success, triumph and happiness.

A great number of our classmates have gotten engaged recently. **Susanna Fisher** is engaged to Matthew Pequinot. They met in law school at George Mason and were planning a June wedding. **Katie O'Leary** and **Ryan Preston** were also getting married in June. **Craig Pullen** lives in Herndon and is getting married in September. **Kim Snively** and Daniel Stembridge plan a September wedding at the beach. **Stephanie O'Connor** got engaged last September and is getting married in November. She and her fiancé, Dan Shockley, bought a house. **Sarah Meyrowitz** will be one of Stephanie's bridal attendants. **Robin Kozic** got engaged in the fall and will be married to Peter Martignoni in July 2003. She switched schools and now teaches fifth grade at Bayview Elementary School in Middletown, N.J. **Kerri Barile** '94 is living in Austin, Texas, and finishing her Ph.D. She will be married this July. **John Day** and **Felicity Smith** '98 got engaged in Hawaii during the Christmas holidays. **Jason Tootell** and Rhoda Rebano are planning a 2003 wedding after she completes med school. **Toby Brown** and **Nancy Beaulieu** are also planning their wedding.

Renae Barnes Martello married Andy in September 2000, and they moved from Fairfax, Va., to the St. Louis, Mo., area in November 2000 to be closer to her family. They bought their first house in April 2001. **Allyson Knudson Gallup** married John in April 2001. They live in Richmond, where Allyson is an executive assistant to the CIO of an IT organization. **Wally Ferguson** and **Megan McDowell** married in June 2001 and honeymooned in Greece. **Judy Rugh** married Jeff Du Prey in June. Judy graduated in December with an M.S. in occupational therapy from VCU/MCV. **Jon Carter** married **Amy Fromm** '98 in June 2001. **Lindsay McLeod** was maid of honor for **Betina Raines**' wedding. **Kim Hrabosky Melvin** was married in November. She works at Wiley Rein & Fielding in D.C. doing litigation defense work. She moved to Cameron Station in Alexandria, Va., in February. **Vanessa Valley** married John Wedding on 02/02/02. They bought a house in King George County, and Vanessa plans to start her own business. **Kim Hammonds** got engaged to long-time boyfriend, Jose, on Christmas Day and eloped a month later. **Kristy Markos** married **Corey Greeneltch** '98. **Sarah Burgess** and **Phil Hall** '89 were married in April. The wedding party included **Meighan Cutler**, **Jennifer Repella Shelton**, **Pamela Ellison Barr** and **Jessica Edmiston Forsythe**. Meighan lives in Old Town Alexandria and works at the Security Industry Association as the manager of meetings. **Allison McWee** married Mark Newton in July 2000. **Molly Chisholm** and **Mary Zachary** were bridesmaids. **Liz Weaver Williams** was married in May 2001 with **Aimee Lemieux** and **Crystal Bulges** as bridesmaids. **Chrissy Kahrl** '96 married Aaron Brody in California in summer 2001. They live in Boston, where Chrissy is finishing her M.A. **Aron Laney** '98 married **Scott Delaney** '98 in June 1999. They traveled cross country the summer of 2001 visiting **Laura Wyatt** in Arizona and **Stephanie Barnes** in Mexico along their way. Scott and Aron returned to Northern Virginia after living for a stint in New Zealand. Aron continues her rugby career by playing for the D.C. Furies Women's rugby club.

Mark Ratliff and wife Sarah had a baby boy early last year. **Molly Chisholm Payne** had her second child last year and lives in Fredericksburg. **Chris** and **Renee Cline Carnahan** '94 became proud parents to Anna Renee in August 2001. **Diana Cottrill James** gave birth to a baby girl, Kaya James, in September. Diana lives in Virginia and works for Fairfax County Department of Family Services. **Cecilia Kane Gagner** and **Jeremy Gagner** '98 are expecting baby number two in March.

Becky Earle is marrying Dennis Middleton in November 2002. They met through his friend, **Jeff Seaman**. Becky works with the Rhoads Group, a small lobbying firm downtown near Metro Center. Jeff is a regional sales manager with Wiesenberger, a Thomson Financial Company. Jeff lives in Rockville with **Jesse Freese**, **Clint McCarthy** '98 and **Mike Paolino** '98. **Giles Kesteloot** and Mike are playing their own brand of original music in their new group, MellowHeadBlue, based in the D.C. area. Their new album "Beautiful Liar" will be released in spring 2002, and they are planning an East Coast tour for this summer. Visit www.mellowheadblue.com to get info on the band. Giles is an executive officer at the engineering firm ICRC, and Mike is a senior consultant at Booz-Allen & Hamilton.

Molly Strohl Henry and **Hank Henry** '99 bought a townhouse in the Dale City area. **Tanya Najarian** is house hunting in Northern Virginia. **Kira Stchur Gerasimon** is soaking up the sun of Arizona until she and husband Gregg move to Tacoma, Wash., this summer. **Kelly Bartmess** bought a house in Leesburg, Va. **Allison Enedy** moved to Virginia Beach in September and is working for the city in public relations and Web design. She enjoys her new job, but more importantly, enjoys living 10 minutes from the ocean. **Crissie Finno** has moved to Houston, Texas, and is teaching there. **Jamie Simpson** lives in Clifton, Va., with husband **Philip Stoneman** '94 and her cat, Trouble, in a condo they purchased in December. Jamie works in Rosslyn, Va., for an environmental consulting company, The Cadmus Group, as a senior analyst. She works on a project that encourages schools to improve their indoor air quality in order to improve the learning environment for students and to help decrease asthma attacks. **Dave Camporesi** bought a house in Manlius, N.Y., and works at Syracuse U. **Kim Wilson** moved to Providence, R.I., and keeps busy studying for her exams. **Matt Paxton** has returned to Richmond, Va., after spending a few months hanging out in Maui, Hawaii, with **Christy Spiker** '98. Matt now works for Xterra Wetsuits. **Margaret Edder Johnson** is living in Denver, Colo., with her husband **Brooks Johnson**. She works as a finance manager for a health care company.

MJ Figel is an associate editor for the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue and is busy traveling to exotic places, where she gets all kinds of exotic diseases and visits from scorpions and spiders the size of dinner plates. When MJ isn't avoiding creatures that go bump in the night, she is at home in NYC with her Shiba Inu puppy, Chloe. **Jin Wong** is the manager of scouting operations for the Kansas City Royals. **Alanna Weaver** is responsible for the Web operations in international clinical trials for Merck Marketing. **Jackie Curry Todaro** had an exciting start to the year, visiting Puerto Rico with her family and Salt Lake City for the Olympics with her husband Jim. **Annmarie Hirst** is training to be a pilot in Florida. **Ali McEvoy** is the studio manager for the Joy of Motion Dance Center in Friendship Heights.

Hellie Snyder lives in Washington, D.C., and works for IBM. **Bridget Malone** is working in advertising sales for a Northern Virginia employment guide. **Julie Keefe Fusaro** is working for KPMG consulting. **Laura Coco** lives in Arlington and works with SAIC on a war-gaming project. **Elise Balkin** lives in Baltimore and works at a local law firm. **Jason Terril** lives in Reston

and is in his second year of working for the government. Jason took a motorcycle training course in Charlottesville and visited his old roommate, **Kurt Jensen,** at U.Va. Kurt is continuing his Ph.D. work in microbiology.

Laura Fausto returned to graduate school at the U. of New Mexico for a master's in Latin American studies after over four years of teaching high school in Stafford, Va. **Cheryl Duckworth** teaches English at Stafford High. **Alicia Faggart Barrett** '96 lives in Spotsylvania County with her husband, dogs and cat. Alicia is in her fifth year of teaching Spanish at Stafford High and is the track/field and cross-country coach. **Debbie Fleming** teaches fifth grade in Stafford County. **Beth Shultz** teaches and lives in Northern Virginia. **Mary Zachary** lives in Clemson, S.C. She did one semester in architecture and realized her calling was not the restoration of historic homes but in working with college students. Mary earned her master's in mathematical science from Clemson in December 1999 and is now working on her doctorate in curriculum and instruction, specializing in mathematics. Mary would like to teach college mathematics at a small university or liberal arts college.

Kate Lulfs Ehrle joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in September 2001 and is working as an e-business/e-commerce consultant. Her husband, **Richard Ehrle** '85, was promoted in June 2001 after accepting a position with the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. Kate and Richard enjoyed a few nice trips this year, including a vacation to Northport, R.I., and Martha's Vineyard for **Beth Moss**' '98 wedding.

Aaron Zielinski pinned on the rank of lieutenant last fall and has bought a new home in Virginia Beach. **Malcolm McKay** lives in Alexandria, Va., and was promoted to captain in the Marines. He works at Quantico, Va.

Bridget Stinger is working toward her master's in early childhood education at UNC/Chapel Hill. **Mary Knarr** lives with Bridget and works at UNC Hospitals in the hemapathology laboratory.

Ashley Rogers Menninger works for Freddie Mac and lives in Centreville with her husband, **Tim Menninger** '95. **Tamara Morse** also lives in Centreville and works in Rockville, Md., for a consulting firm.

Eric Earling lives in Everett, Wash., with wife Stephani, son Joseph and daughter Sophia. Eric works as director of public and government affairs for the Washington Biotechnology & Biomedical Association. **Colleen Minion-Pierce** also lives in Washington state. Colleen is a volunteer coordinator in Tacoma with the Pierce County AIDS Foundation. She keeps busy with work and singing with the Sweet Adelines of Olympia. She and this a cappella chorus will be traveling to Anchorage, Alaska, for an international competition.

Luke Sbarra was graduated in 2000 from law school at Wake Forest and lives in Charlotte, N.C. Luke is a lawyer for Kennedy, Covington and practices in the areas of bankruptcy and syndicated finance. **Omar Jabbour** finished his M.A. in international commerce and is pursuing an M.B.A. at American U. **Ally Serio** completed her master's and lives in D.C. After completing his first year as an M.A. student, **Jamie Pizzorno** '96 spent last summer in Tokyo interning with Goldman Sachs. **Carter Berkeley** is going to law school at the U. of Maryland.

After leaving Capitol Hill, **Julie Newell** spent a couple of weeks traveling in Spain before starting her new job with the State Department. Julie also made a trip to New York to be a stunning bridal attendant in my wedding. Wade Van House and I tied the knot in a beautiful outdoor ceremony in September. We had a wonderful weeklong honeymoon in St. Lucia. Upon returning, I was promoted to senior at CSC Consulting and will be celebrating five years with the company in May.

1999

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Another year has come and gone. I continue to teach in Fredericksburg and know that I will be here at least one more year. In the works are plans to travel to Ireland.

Many of our classmates are either finishing school or just beginning. **Erin Higgins** was graduated in May 2001 from Boston U. with a master's in social work and is now a licensed certified social worker (LCSW). She is working at a day treatment facility for the adult mentally ill in Boston. **Chandra Kennett** is gearing up to begin her M.B.A. in marketing at the U. of Cincinnati in the fall. She lives in Cincinnati and works at Deloitte & Touche. **Jeanine Boeke** continues to work on her M.A. in professional counseling in Minneapolis. This August, she plans to move to Key West with **Allyson Harkey** '00. **Susanne Eymer** has almost completed her M.A. in counseling psychology at Marymount U. **Joy Conoscenti** has completed her M.B.A. in technology management. She is employed by Option One as a business systems specialist. She is also in the process of moving to Newport News and plans to become certified to teach high-school math.

Erzsebet Szasz was married in March 2001 to Matthew Carmean. She works with Symantec Corporation in Newport News and is studying applied physics. **Mary Brown Riley** is married and is pursuing her M.A. in education. **Angela Lengyel** left her job at the FDIC to travel through Europe for seven weeks. She is working on her Ph.D. in economics at the U. of Texas — Austin. **Kelly Cwiak** bought her first house last September. She also earned her master's in education in May. She still teaches in Spotsylvania County and is enjoying a new puppy!

If you happen to be walking around Vienna, Va., you might run into **Mina Karousos**. She lives at home and is working on her master's in international relations with a focus on national security at Catholic U. of America. **Jaimi Lacaria** is living in Philadelphia with **Amanda McLennan**. Jaimi is a full-time grad student at Temple U. in speech therapy, and Amanda is working at the Philadelphia Art Museum. If you have the chance, check in with **Robyn Alizzeo**. She had two plates, 12 screws and a bone graft put in her elbow after getting thrown off a horse. It's not slowing her down though, because she was to graduate in May from vet school. **Steve Charnoff** is still working hard at UNC/Chapel Hill studying law. He also wanted me to mention he is still happily dating Jenny! **Ted Tschan** lives in Orlando, Fla., and attends grad school at Florida State. He was married last Memorial Day.

We have begun to reach the age where many of our classmates are finding their significant others and are adapting to marriage, new homes and children. **Marty** and **Meredith Wolfe Molloy** were married last year and live and work in Newhall, Calif. **Jen McGrainer** and **Jay Hartey** were recently engaged. They live in McLean, Va., work for MCI WorldCom and have a March 2003 wedding planned. **Claire Rotramel** received a proposal in September; they have an October 2002 wedding planned in Roanoke. **Gina DeSantis Shaw** was married in October, honeymooned in Barbados and is now living happily in Evington, Va. **Kerry Andres** married **Stephen Costanzo** '00 over two years ago. They are also happy to report that Claire Elizabeth was born to them in late April.

Jarrett Whitlow '01 and **Courtney Smith** are engaged to be married in September in Cherry Hill, N.J. **Steve** and **Ivy Lamanna** celebrated their two-year anniversary May 2001 and live in Alexandria, Va. **Nicole Bryant Brown** is about to celebrate her one-year anniversary. She works as a public relations assistant for the Prince William Economic Development Board. Last Thanksgiving, **Shoshana Goldberg** was engaged to her boyfriend, Jonathan Sumy. They will be married in November and will be living in a house they recently bought in Owings Mills, Md.

Liz Howard Hencke and her husband, Matthew, chose to make a home in New York City. She works as an accountant in midtown Manhattan, and her husband is acting in a film that will start shooting later this year. **Becca Maus** will be married in June to David, a man she met in England. **Sofia Johansson** was recently engaged. **Emily Buchanan Lach** bought a house with husband Tony, and they live happily with their dog, Madison, in Fredericksburg. **Charles Floyd** '00 lives in Fredericksburg and is engaged to Melissa Franson. They plan to wed in Oct.

I am very excited to report that I received a huge response when I asked for information. Most of it was from people I hadn't heard from before. So, instead of trying to lump them into categories, I am just going to report the rest of the updates together. Keep the new information coming!

Sharon Boswell Kiple became an aunt in May 2001. She is a high-school math teacher at Spotslyvania High School. **Aimee Neale** is working in New York. Last summer she worked on an off-Broadway play titled "The Woman In Black" and now works as an associate with the Liz Woodman Casting Company casting for several regional theaters as well as the Broadway and touring companies of "The Full Monty." **Heather Woody** works at BB&T in Lynchburg, Va. She is in the process of taking a new position and relocating with the company. **Krista Mann** has been working for the Norwegian Cruise Line as the youth program coordinator. She runs a children's program for kids ages 3-17 and manages a staff of youth coordinators who come from all over the world. She has been to Alaska, Bermuda, New England, the southern Caribbean and the Bahamas, to name just a few.

Carol Chace and **Martha Smith** continue to share an apartment in NYC. Carol is working at Columbia U. with the medical and dental students and hopes to begin her master's in biostatistics at Columbia in the fall. Martha works full time doing costuming for the soap opera "The Guiding Light." She has also free-lanced for such organizations as the Metropolitan Opera, the Radio City Rockettes and Eminem. **Janet Oldis** continues to make her way in NYC. She has started a new job working in the HR department of JetBlue. **Jessica Tenney** is teaching biology and physical science at the Hodgson Vo-tech High School in Glasgow, Del., and coaching the girls' soccer team. In November she underwent heart surgery for an atrial septal defect (or a hole in her heart). She said all is well.

Anne Elliott bought a house with her boyfriend in Atlanta, Ga. **Claire Wagner** moved to Colorado, but rumor has it she is already moving back to the East Coast. **Sabrina Carlson** continues to live in the New York area. **Courtney Crabill** lives in Ashburn, Va., and works at WorldCom as a circuit engineer. **Meredith Wilcox** moved to California with her boyfriend. She lives 10 minutes from Marty and Meredith Molloy. **Sara Greene** works for a non-profit organization. She has enjoyed many traveling experiences during the past year, including Nashville, Tenn., and Milwaukee, Wis. She has plans underway for a trip to Ireland. **Jordan Keiman** is working at WorldCom in Ashburn, Va. **Julie McPhilomy**

continues to fly out of Chicago. **Mike Holmes** is working for a services management company in Cherry Hill, N.J. **Paul Junod** is managing a Red Lobster in Frederick, Md. **Jenn Amrhein** works for an organization that helps international students get and keep their visas to study in the U.S. **Jen Flynn** and **Jeremy Duval** live in San Diego, Calif., where Jen works for the San Diego City Planning Commission, and Jeremy works for The Omega Group.

Matt Baecker is the manager of a T.G.I. Fridays somewhere in NOVA. He lives in Fairfax, Va., with **Zack Copeland** '01. **Jason Gleason** lives in D.C. and works for a senator. **Seth Hollinger** lives in Hershey, Pa., and works for Animated Display Systems. He is responsible for those photographs taken when you ride the rides at Hershey Park. **John Thibodeau** lives in Arlington, Va. **Supapan Kanti** celebrated her 25th birthday with a trip to Aruba with **Lindsey Morgan** and **Hien Truong**. **Randy Young** and wife Kelly moved to Fredericksburg last winter. It's a shorter commute for Randy to Washington Navy Yard but a little longer for Kelly to drive to Culpeper, where she teaches. **Corey Sell** has just finished his first year as a first-grade teacher in Roanoke, Va. **Nate Pipke** finished the year with a position in Stafford County teaching kindergarten. **Lisa Mueller** says she is running away from Spotsylvania County to some undisclosed location. However, she is actually planning to stay another year and teach fifth grade at Courtland Elementary. Corey, Nate, Lisa and I took a relaxing trip to Disney World.

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From Teresa:

So much has changed for the Class of 2001 since graduation. Most of us have either found jobs or are attending grad school. As many of you know, **Kedron Bullock** has been attending law school at the Regent U. School of Law in Virginia Beach. **Caroline Jarvis** lives in Connecticut and works in New York as the development coordinator for The Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley. And I have returned to MWC to work in the Office of College Relations. Here is what everyone else is doing:

Many of our classmates have become teachers. **Michelle Carr** lives in Fredericksburg and teaches ninth-grade English at Forest Park Senior High School in Dumfries, where she also coaches the forensics (acting) team. **Jamie Smith** and **Kim McCormick** both live in Fredericksburg and have finished student teaching. They plan to teach in the area. **Joe Petrick** and **Seth Kennard** also live in Fredericksburg and completed their student teaching. Seth now teaches fifth grade in Stafford County. **Charlie Sayers** resides in Spotsylvania County and teaches eighth-grade math at John J. Wright Middle School, where he also coaches boys basketball and track.

Erin Murray lives in Alexandria, Va., with **Natalie Alexander**, who works for the U.S. Navy. Erin teaches first grade at Lane Elementary. **Corie Tarbet** works for Prince William County, Va., schools. **Stacy Weller** is a second-grade teacher in Woodbridge, Va., and **Christy Buckland** is teaching in Pasadena, Md. **Brooke Dunbar** is a Teach For America Corps member in the Mississippi Delta. She lives in rural Indianola, Miss., where she teaches fourth grade at Carver Upper Elementary. **Jaimie Donaruma** teaches ninth-grade English and helps coach the cross-country team at Sachem High School in Long Island, N.Y. **Kate Blatchford** is working as a ninth-grade biology teacher in Orangeburg, S.C., and coaching volleyball at her school. **Sandy Mayes** teaches high-school biology in Montclair, N.J.

Others have found jobs in the Fredericksburg area. **Lauren Oviatt** works as an admissions counselor at MWC, as does **Carla Villar**. **Leigh Hightower** lives with Carla and works on Capitol Hill for Congressman Robert Simmons from Connecticut. **Chris Winslow** is a legislative assistant for Delegate Rob Bell and was appointed to the Board of Regents of the James Monroe Law Museum by Gov. Jim Gilmore. **C. Larry Paul** works at Continental Teves in Culpeper, Va., as a quality technician in the Wash/Anodize department of the CNC, ABS valve block line. He has been promoted and was one of 42 people who received a silver award for outstanding contribution from Continental Automotive Systems. **John Dangerfield**, **Travis Hester** and **Katie Sutphin** all work at Dahlgren.

Some of us reside in Northern Virginia. **Jeremiah Nelson** works at Lockheed Martin. **Gina Han** works at a NOVA hospital and as an EMT in Fredericksburg. She is planning to move back to Fredericksburg to be a substitute teacher. **Jason Cobb** works for a communications firm in Washington, D.C.

Kira Maas, **Kelly Hahn** and **Jennifer Rice** live together in Arlington, Va., and work in Washington, D.C., but not together. **Angela Mills** also lives in Arlington and works at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as a development assistant for the National Symphony Orchestra. **Karen Graver** resides in Arlington and has been attending Georgetown U.'s physics Ph.D. program. **Bill King** works as a legal assistant at Abed & Savage, a law firm in D.C., and lives in Old Town Alexandria with **Tim Riley**. **Jamie Harper** lives in Alexandria and works on Capitol Hill for Congressman John Culberson of Houston, Texas.

Rachel Ives does community relations for the Washington Redskins and is thinking of applying to law schools in the fall. **Vivian Perez** is a systems engineer for Northrop Grumman IT, and **Becky Gibbons** works on the Hill for Senator Warner. **Kevin Acotto** is a contract officer for the procurement office of Immigration and Naturalization Services and is going to school for federal contracting.

Five of our classmates have settled in Richmond. **Sheri Asbeil** works for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and **Adam Giammarinaro** works for the First Market Bank. **Brandy Nelson** and **Melissa VanZile** are law students and roommates at the U. of Richmond, and **Tashfeen Bhimdi** is applying to grad schools.

There also are a few of us in Maryland. **Sharon Wilcox** lives in Germantown and works as the species conservation program coordinator for Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C. **Jennifer O'Rourke** lives in Columbia and is an administrative assistant at Magellan Behavioral Health. **Catherine Ford** resides in Baltimore and does environmental planning for Century Engineering Inc., in Towson. In January she will start at Johns Hopkins U. as a part-time student, working on her master's in environmental science. **Sara Kafka** is a social worker/case manager in Montgomery County for Linkages to Learning, a program that works with local schools to solve outside problems of students.

New York is home to many of us, too. **Amy Brady** is doing cancer research as a lab technician at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in Long Island. **Kasey McNatt** works in a New York City gallery and is trying her hand at acting. **Matt Cliszis** is a personal lines appraiser for The Chubb Group of Insurance Companies in the city, and **Pam Kirby** is the audience coordinator for MTV's TRL. **Madelyn Marino** is a student at Hofstra U. for her master's in industrial/organizational psychology. She also does consulting and works at the Pool & Spa Depot in Long Island. **John Rapaglia** is studying marine science at SUNY Stonybrook in Long Island, and **Karyn Havas** is studying at Cornell Veterinary School in Ithaca.

And the rest of us are scattered all over the country. **Kelly Turcic** is working on various fundraising events for the United Way in Pennsylvania. **Laura Reigle** lives in Pennsylvania and works for General Electric as a facility associate. **Lindsey McSherry** is a department assistant for the International Small Business Development Center in Dallas, Texas, and hopes to attend Georgetown's School of Foreign Service in the fall.

Jason Engelhardt is with AmeriCorps Vista in Rochester, Minn. **Salley Chan** is a receptionist in San Francisco, where she lives with **Katharine Brydges**, a tutor and an editor for math textbooks. **Betsy O'Neill** works in the college relations office at Montserrat College of Art, a small college north of Boston. **Jessica Soule** is in Connecticut working at a drug rehab program for teen-age girls. She and Christy Buckland hope to travel to Australia together sometime this summer or fall. **Mike Parker** lives in Greensboro, N.C., and is an administrator for a golf academy. **Kelli Brittain** lives in Medford Lakes, N.J., and after spending four months in Australia, she is substituting while she is looking for a job.

Jacquie Frank has returned to Toms River, N.J., and is a full-time grad student at Montclair State U., where she is studying speech and language pathology. She also is working at her local emergency room. **Sunny Clemons** is in law school at Baylor U. in Waco, Texas, and **Adele McDonald** is a first-year student at The Dickinson School of Law of Penn State in Carlisle, Penn. **Kendra Moran** is living in New Orleans, La., where she attends Tulane U.'s School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine to get her master's in epidemiology. **Hilary Stebbins** is at Brown U. in Warwick, R.I., working on a Ph.D. in psychology. She has been testing the effects of marijuana on lab rats.

Dheeraj Goswami is attending Eastern Virginia Medical School. **Kimberly Price,** now Kimberly **Rowan**, is working on a Ph.D. in counseling psych at Virginia Commonwealth U. **Lori Clemons** is at James Madison U. in the PA program and will graduate in 2003.

Four of our classmates have gone abroad. **Eric Richko** has been studying in Krakow, Poland, and **Mary von der Heide** is teaching English in Japan with the JET program. **Nicole McIntyre** has been working in Britain through a program called BUNAC. She recently was a supply teacher for mentally and emotionally challenged children and is considering going to Ireland for four months or joining AmeriCorps. **Ben Peck** is working for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

Finally, many of our classmates are busy planning weddings. **Julie Ackerman**, who will be married in October, began her new job in the dean's office at Georgetown U. Law Center in D.C., where she coordinates special events, conferences, workshops and lectures for the law school. Julie resides in Fredericksburg, where she and fiancé Jeff just built a new home. **Lori**

Tisch works in the region office for KinderCare Learning Centers in Northern Virginia and is planning for her May wedding with Rob Rogers. **Erin Heslep** is working for Strategies for International Development, a non-profit NGO headquartered in Arlington, and has completed her first assignment in the company's La Paz, Bolivia, office. Afterwards, she returned to Arlington to plan her May wedding. **Jean Feild Turner** moved to Bangor, Maine, and is a career specialist at the U. of Maine. She is working on an MBA at the university while planning an April wedding. **Kate Spencer**, who became engaged around the new year, is working full time as a paralegal with a law firm in Norfolk, Va., and also is working full time on her master's degree in English literature at Old Dominion U. **Mark Rodeffer** lives in Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C., and is an assistant editor with NationalJournal.com.

After spending time in Germany and France, **Jennie Jarvis** moved to New York City and became the program assistant for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals.

IN MEMORIAM

Gertrude Williamson White Irvine '17
Alyce Glaettli Russell '28
Ruby Ficklin Bryant '29
Emilie Sinclair Diehl '30
Helen G. Hill '38
Evelyn Blanche Ralph '38
Elsie Smith Allison '39
Vernelle Grizzard Bristow '39
Jane Sinclair Diehl '39
Marion Gibbs Stewart '41
Caroline Lawson Sullivan '41
Juliette Weber Rucker '43
Kathryn Spivey Tuck '44
Emily C. Ribet '47
Nan Cook Ferebee Bond '49
Elizabeth Baylor Neatrour '54
Lois Graff Reiser '54
Jacqueline Jeanne Phillips Brzostowski '55
Kitty Davis Moore '55
Ann Hutcheson Field '60
Ellen Sumner Vecchietti '61
Elizabeth Shailer Lancroft '62
Linda Herrold Hansen '63
Susan Sieber '64
Viola M. Graves '69
Deborah Yount Reeves '75
Betsy M. Orrock '89
Raymundo E. Arras '00

CONDOLENCES

Elizabeth Yowell Hall '48, who lost her husband
Nan Cook Ferebee Bond '49, who lost her son
Betty Purnell Logan '49, who lost her son
Andi Dulany Lyons '49, who lost her husband
Virginia Felt Brown '50, who lost her husband
Janet Scott Allen '51, who lost her husband
Patricia Saunders '53, who lost her mother
Dorothy Booth Sanders '55, who lost her mother
Sarah Norris Fricks '58, who lost her brother
Cecile Duncan Folan '59, who lost her mother and father
Sally Bolton Norris '59, who lost her husband
Carolyn Powell Piotrowski '62, who lost her mother
Linda Herrold Hansen '63, who lost her mother
Jeanette Allison Hall '64, who lost her mother
Maureen Maran Wikane '69, who lost her husband
Melissa Johnson Hancock '71, who lost her husband
Pam Staples Piasecki '79, who lost her sister
Paige Farmer Jordan '86, who lost her mother
Abby Collette Lawson '89, who lost her father

Claudia Moore Read

Claudia Moore Read was a professor of physical education at Mary Washington College from 1945 until her retirement in 1975. She was a 1934 graduate of the Women's College, University of North Carolina; in 1942, a graduate of New York University; studied at the Humphrey-Weidman Studio in New York, the Mary Wigman School in Berlin, Germany, and the Bennington School of Dance in Vermont. She taught at numerous colleges and universities prior to starting at MWC.

"May your life be A Joyful Dance." Mrs. Read tried to impart this philosophy in all of her classes. I was fortunate to take her Dance History course in spring 1975. In the words of a classmate, Jackie Ewansky Bryan, "Mrs. Read was a living link to the pioneers of modern dance, including Doris Humphrey, Jose Limon and Charles Weidman." She was so inspiring that we dedicated the *1975 Battlefield* to her. She personified the spirit of creativity at Mary Washington.

In 1975, just prior to her retirement, Mrs. Read was reducing her library collection of dance books by distributing them to students in her class. The book she chose to give me was *The Dance of Life* by Havelock Ellis, and the gift card she enclosed with the book contained the quote shown earlier in this tribute. I have always treasured this book and her words.

Who could forget her trademark bright green Karmann Ghia parked in the Goolrick Hall parking lot? I can remember that Mrs. Read had "MWC 75" on her license plates. I was unaware that she planned to retire that year, but felt that her philosophy of life was in keeping with the theme of creativity that we were trying to weave throughout the yearbook. I can remember visiting Mr. Charles Read, her husband, at the MWC Bookstore where he was manager, and asking him to make sure that Mrs. Read attend the awards ceremony in the Ann Carter Lee Ballroom. As yearbook editor, I read the dedication page and made a presentation to Mrs. Read. She was overwhelmed with appreciation.

The *1975 Battlefield* dedication page read as follows:

> I do not claim that anyone can be taught to create, but only that talent or possibly genius can be supported and informed by know-how. ...
> Doris Humphrey
>
> In recognition of the years spent pursuing the creative spirit. Through her contributions and those of many others a truly creative atmosphere has been fostered in the liberal arts tradition of Mary Washington College.

Contributions may be made to the Claudia Moore Read Modern Dance Scholarship, c/o Friends of MWC Dance, Mary Washington College Foundation, Box 1958, Fredericksburg, VA 22402.

Lina Scott Woodall '75

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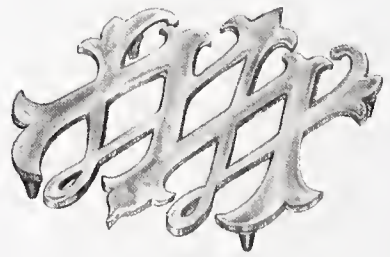

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(shipping $3.00)

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Large Carry-All, 24" x 12" x 12", $28.50 (shipping $5.00)
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Garment Bag, 39" $24.00 (shipping $5.00)
Garment Bag, 54" $30.50 (shipping $5.00)

Carter Brown Williams of Beaty & Brown presents decorating options.

Members of the campaign and building committees met at Trench Hill on April 26 to review design plans for the new Alumni Executive Center (see p. 29).

Jeff Rountree '91 and Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 talk about naming opportunities.

Mary Randolph "Ranny" Corbin '71 answers questions about architectural design boards.

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